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Second book on China is blocked

By Rob Brown and Steve Crawshaw

HARPERCOLLINS - already beset by an authors' revolt after dumping a book by Chris Patten - faces further turmoil after putting on ice a second book which contains criticisms of the Chinese regime.

Blocking of the book is fresh evidence that Rupert Murdoch, whose News Corporation owns Harper-Collins, will not allow anything to be to HarperCollins because it is a very published which harms his commercial interests in China.

40th anniversary of the human rights members in America," he explained, pressure group Amnesty International. The synupsis includes a chapter on Peking's deplorable human rights record to be written by the Chinese dissident Wei Jingsheng.

Mr Wei, 47, is the leading voice of opposition to the regime in Peking. A Murdoch will almost certainly put a former electrician at Peking zoo, he stop to plans by Mr Power to include spent 16 years behind bars between his a chapter in his book by Wei Jingsheng. arrest in 1979 and his expulsion from China last year, after writing an article which criticised the Chinese leader, the late Deng Xiaoping.

Mr Wei, who now lives in the United States, has been scathing about the West's failure to speak out more loudly on human rights. In London in January, he told the Independent: "Because of business they want to keep a distance from me. I think it's a pity." His chapter had started to unnerve HarperCollins's senior editorial director in London, Richard Johnson, who had previously been enthusiastic about the proposal from a freelance journalist, Jonathan Power.

The Independent has learned that Mr Johnson sought guidance yesterday from HarperCollins's chairman and publisher Eddic Bell, and was instructed not to offer any advance to Mr Power until Mr Murdoch has clarified his position on the Communist regime in Peking.

Mr Power, who is based in Oxford, has already written a book marking the 30th anniversary of Amnesty International. "Nobody inside the show [HarperCollins] is in any doubt about what this whole thing is about," he said

yesterday. "I'm surprised he [Mr Murdochl even allowed Chris Patten's book to be commissioned. It was presumably a sin of omission by someone in the HarperCollins's chain of command."

If his book is also dumped, Mr Power won't be disappointed. He has been thinking of withdrawing his synopsis in solidarity with those leading HarperCollins authors who have revolted in protest against the way Mr Patten has been treated. "I only went hig publishing firm which has the crests in China. marketing might and distribution net-The book under threat marks the work to reach the 300,000 Amnesty adding: "To effectively kill a book [Chris Patten's East and West] which, by all accounts, is very good is kow-towing to the Chinese authorities in the most crude and elemental level."

> . If that is what he is about, Rupert As China's leading dissident, he is even more of a thorn in the flesh of the Communist regime in Peking than the

> former Hong Kong governor. Stuart Proflitt, the former senior editor at HarperCollins whose departure from the company last week originally sparked the Murdoch controversy, last night declined to comment on the latest developments. "I am legally constrained from commenting on this," he said. However, he confirmed he was taking HarperCollins to an industrial trihunal and said he expected the hearing to start within the next three to six months.

> Mr Wei was expelled from his homeland in December after serving 1S years in a succession of prisons and forced labour camps, where he was repeatedly tortured and confined in freezing cells. Since his exile began three months ago, he has visited Mr Patten in London. He also had a brief meeting with Derek Fatchett, the junior minister at the Foreign Office who handles Chinese affairs. He had hoped to meet with the Foreign Secretary. Robin Cook, but the minister "had a full appointment book".

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The Full Monty's haves and have nots ...



The loser: Steve Huison (left) in a scene from The Full Monty with Robert Carlyle Photograph: Nicola Kurtz

Star earned only £13,000 from £50m blockbuster

OH HOW life laughs at us. It's all very well to star in the biggest British boxoffice hit of all time, but it's apparently still very important to read the small

Rohert Carlyle, the actor who played the leader of the strippers in the record-breaking film The Full Monty. earned about£1.8m last year - making him the seventh highest earning British actor. Meanwhile, his fellow "stripper" Steve Huison received only £13,500 for getting his kit off and grows his own vegetables on a Yorkshire allotment to

save cash. Huison, who played loser Lomper in the hit comedy, said yesterday at the

launch of the video of the film, that all we had - £1,500 a week it works filmgoers assumed the stars had made a fortune out of the movie. While it had taken almost £50m in the United Kingdom alone, Huison said he had re-

ceived only £13,500. Yesterday he said his latest project

was "the allotment". "That's not a film, it's a piece of land. It's that time of the year you've got to break up the soil and get your potatoes in.

"It's not about gardening it's about growing your own veg and saving money, you know. I'd be a fool if I didn't try to save money.

"Let me get it right - we haven't got Equity weekly rate for it and that was he was working.

out at for nine weeks." He said he had heard rumours about bonus payments following the. massive success of the film, but so far he had seen no more cash.

"I don't believe anything until I see it in my hand," he said.

However, in the best of dramatic tradition, Huison, who lives in Shipley, West Yorkshire, said he was not bitter. "Twe had a good time over the past six months, I've gone on a lot of free trips and I've met a lot of interesting

Huison said he was hoping to go to Los Angeles for Oscars night on 23 a fortune out of it. We got the basic March but it would depend on whether

Diana wanted her mother to help raise royal princes

By Kate Watson-Smyth

THE original will ran to only six pages and was signed simply "Diana" in her familiar rounded band. The amended version, drawn up after her death, runs to 35 pages and - devoid of signatures - seems a curiously impersonal document.

The Princess left a net fortime of almost £13m after death duties of more than £8.5m were paid, according to the will, which was published yesterday.

Her sons, Princes William and Harry, inherit the bulk of her estate - valued at £21.468.352 before death duties -which is to be held in trust un-

til they are 25. Other beneficiaries, who were not in the original will, include her butler, Paul Burrell, whom the Princess referred to as "my rock" and who receives £50,000, while her 17 godchildren will each receive an object or painting from her personal belongings. Martyn Gowar, senior partner of Lawrence Graham, the lawyers acting for the executors of the Princess's estate, said: "They are personal gifts, chosen by the executors in the knowledge that they had £17m divorce settlement great value in the eyes of Diana and would therefore be of value to her godchildren."

The will, written in June 1993 as the relationship between Charles and Disna turned decidedly sour, also insists that her mother, Frances Shand Kydd,be consulted over the "education and welfare" of the two princes.



It is the first time a royal will has been made public and its contents were revealed at the request of her family. Until her death, only the full value of an estate belonging to a member of the Royal Family was revealed. All details of personal bequests and beneficiaries remained private. Mr Gowar said: "It was the decision of the family that the will should be made public. They felt it would be appropriate in view of the intense public interest surrounding the Princess." Diana's estate comprised stocks and shares, jewellery, cash - mainly from her dresses and other belongings at Kensington Palace, her London

Details of the original will, drawn up in June 1993 following her separation from Prince Charles, were changed by a variation order granted through the courts on 19 December last year. Godchildren's gifts, page 3

Jail for drug granny of Tunbridge Wells

A GRANDMOTHER who ran a multi-million-pound drugs empire that stretched across southern England was jailed for 15 years yesterday. Evelyn Fleckney, a self-

styled drugs hamness, operatal her trade in cestasy, cocaine and cannahis from a four-bedyouned house in Tunhridge She described herself as the

agirman of the board" and boasted: "There are not drug dealers like me. Go ad find another hird that can

what I get."

Crime Squad agreed. A spokeswoman said: "She was certainly the first drugs baroness to be convicted in our area and is possibly the first in the country."

Southwark Crown Court in London heard that to minimise Evelyn Fleckney: Ruled her the risk of detection Fleckney, 41, never handled the drugs berself, always ensured they were stashed in "isolated" country hideaways and dealt with her minions with a "rod of iron". Police believe she learnt her trade from hig league underworld

Before her arrest, police had watched her for moths, and her every word was recorded. Fleckney, who has two chil-



empire with 'a rod of iron'

dren, was convicted of conspiracy to supply ecstasy, cocaine and cannabis.

Her former boyfriend, James Smith, 32, also of Tunhridge Wells, was found guilty of conspiring to supply ecstasy and cannabis and possessing amphetamine sulphate with intent to supply. He was jailed for

Fayed arrested in safety-box inquiry

By Ian Burrell

MOHAMED Al-Fayed was arrested yesterday over allegations by his great rival Tiny Rowland that the Harrods owner lampered with his safe deposit box at the Knightsbridge store.

Mr Fayed, who was arrested after he went voluntarily to a London police station, was released on police bail after being questioned over allegations of theft of documents, tapes and gems and criminal damage to the box.

The Harrods owner, who

was accompanied by his solici-

tors, denies the allegations and

was said to want to bring the

matter to a "speedy conclusion". The allegations first emerged last October when former trade minister Neil

Hamilton was giving evidence to the Commons Standards and Privileges committee in the aftermath of the cash-for-questions scandal. Mr Hamilton alleged that when Mr Fayed discovered that

rods deposit box he became "excited" and hatched a plan to find out what was inside. Mr Hamilton claimed that Mr Rowland's documents were

his business rival owned a Har-

copied and a locksmith was paid off with white envelopes stuffed with £50 notes.

Today's news

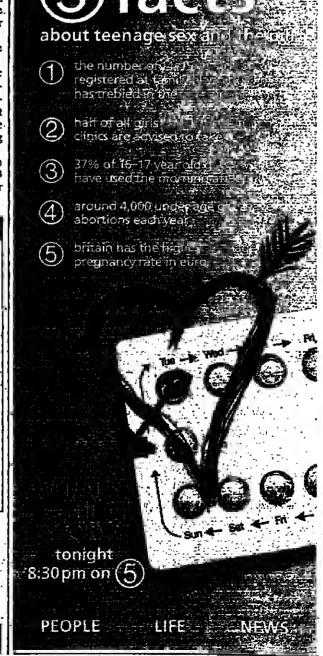
Glasgow vice terror

THE brutal killing of a prostitute in the early hours of Saturday morning has left Glasgow's 700 street vice girls in fear, but still working to feed their heroin habits. Page 5

NHS bonuses

ACTION to clean up the ment award system which gives NHS consultants bonuses of over £50,000 a year will he announced after clear evidence of racial discrimination against doctors from ethnic minorities. Page 2





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Girls' boxing match axed

A BOXING match between two 13-year-old girls was understood last night to have been called off. The bout was due to take place tonight at Valentino's nightchib in Stokeon-Treot, Staffs.

Amateur Boxing Association spokesman David Prior said: "At this moment I understand the bout is off, I cannot confirm the reasons for this at this stage."

This is the second time the match - hetween Andrea Prime from Leicester and Emma Brammer from Stoke - has been postpooed amid adverse publicity.

No new CJD variant cases

NO NEW cases of "new variant" Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (v-CJD), also called "human BSE", have been delected by the Government's monitoring unit in Edinburgh, according to figures published yesterday. The monthly report from the CJD Surveillance Unit in Edinburgh reveals that last year a total of 10 people died from the disease, reckoned to be caused by eating BSE-infected food. That is the same number as in 1996.

Homes protest

MORE than 30 activists occupied the London headquarters of the House Builders' Federation yesterday calling for an end to housebuilding on greenfield sites.

The activists, who are members of Action for Social Housing, want a switch in emphasis to huilding homes for low-income groups in urhan areas, and pledged more direct action against major UK housebuilding firms.

Too few takers

ONLY half the people who need influenza vaccinations are actually getting them, doctors warned yesterday.

The claim, by the Association for Influenza Monitoring and Surveillance, comes amid worries about a major outhreak of the common illness, which kills up to 4,000 people in Britain each year.

Show delayed

THE start of the new Father Ted comedy series was put back a week by Chanoel 4 chiefs last night after the sudden death of its star Dermot Morgan, 45. He collapsed at his London home oo Saturday as he celebrated the end of filming with family and friends.

Bullet girl saved by **UK** flees new peril

An orphan flown to Britain for treatment after a huller danger again yesterday as she fled fighting in her home town in Sierra Leone.

Tenneh Cole, now eight, is

one of 60 children who fled a

British-run orphanage as troops from the recently deposed junta went on the rampage. She was flown to Britain in 1996 after an appeal raised money for an operation to remove the stray AK-47 bullet lodged hehind her right eye. It was a success and she returned to Sierra Leone, where she was cared for io the Hope and Homes for Children orphanage in Makeni, 130 miles from the capital, Freetown. The Nigerian-led Ecomog force ousted Lieutenant-Colonel Johnny Paul Koroma's junta last mooth but has oot liberated Makeni. Troops supporting the military regime, which deposed elected President Ahmed Tejan Kabhah in May, have run amok in the town.



New ordeal: Tenneh Cole, treated successfully in Britain after being hit by a stray bullet, is now on the run in Sierra Leone from rampaging troops

Clean-up for NHS bonus system

By Colin Brown and Jeremy Laurance

Action to clean up the merit award system which gives highranking NHS consultants bonuses of over £50,000 a year will be announced today by the geons, hold the key to cutting Health Minister, Alan Milburn, after evidence of racial discrimination against doctors from ethnic minorities. Ministers believe the system has become an "old-boys' network".

Those who receive the highest awards, of £53,645, include Lord McColl, a Tory spokesman

peer review among consultants are for academic merit hut they should be reformed to reflect commitment to the NHS. Consultants, especially sur-

in the Lords on the NHS. Crit-

waiting lists and ministers are known to be unhappy with arrangements for rewarding them. The cross-government comprehensive spending review is understood to be focussing on consultant workload because of concern that some

practices and other commitments which take them away from the NHS.

The latest awards, to be anfirst time an ethnic breakdown of those receiving the bonuses. The figures reveal that 13.9 per cent of NHS consultants are 6.2 per cent hold an award. Mr sex discrimination led to a slight Milburn will say this is "unacceptable" and will welcome ac- women consultants gaining Committee on Distinction failure properly to reward mem- by paying NHS consultants to system

ics say the awards given by awards have thriving private bers of the ethnic minorities are be the lever for more reforms system was geared to those to be appointed to the region- of a system many believe is disal committees which make the credited. Sam Everington, a for- than private practice. The recommendations for bonuses mer Labour adviser and a awards are given "solely on for consultants; there will be member of the BMA council, nounced today, show for the better ethnic monitoring of said the figures confirmed his not intended - nor should they commarions for award-hold- own survey showing racial dis- be seen- as a measure of the ers; and the ACDA is promising to work more closely with the Commission for Racial from ethnic minorities but only Equality. Earlier protests about

crimination in the awards. "It is and a wink. They say it is done by 'taking soundings'.' increase in the number of

case, the £500 fine would stand

working in the NHS rather grounds of merit but ... they are quality of treatment afforded to an old-boy network. You make individual patients." This curifriends with those on the com- ous statement is intended to mittee and it is done by a nod prevent their being used to construct league tables of the best doctors. Ministerial sources

Dr Everington, a GP, said stressed last night that Mr Miltion being taken by the Advisory awards, but the attack on the the waiting list could be reduced hurn is not seeking to scrap the

Crediton Trough Many top consultants with Awards on three fronts: mem- bers of ethnic minorities could carry out more operations, if the It could be two or three years from the original drilling before the company could be certain it had an "economic ore body". CONTENTS **Features**

Judge in sexual harassment case stands down

A PART-TIME judge who was found to have sexually barassed pending the result of a possible appeal against the ruling.

tocks, 46, a barrister who sits as a Crown Court recorder, has not agreed not lo sil on the bench yet stated whether he intends to

lodge an appeal. If he fails to do against him, his name will be a pupil barrister has voluntari- struck off the list of barristers ly stood down from the bench appointed to sit as part-time

In the meantime, according Christopher Suttoo-Mat- to the Lord Chancellor's department yesterday, he has until the matter is resolved.

Council disciplinary tribunal for by the Bar. persistently harassing Claire Kavanaugh, 25, a pupil at his chambers in central London. Another female pupil is also thought to ful" hehaviour towards the

have complained about him. Ms Kavanaugh is believed to be the first pupil to make a formal allegation of sexual ha- Sutton-Mattocks' career on the

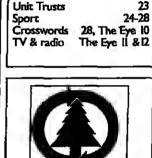
so within 21 days of last week's was appointed a recorder in since a new system to deal with tise as a barrister. The Bar at least four weeks a year, alhearing, or if the result goes 1996, was fined £500 by a Bar such complaints was introduced Council, the professional body

In 1995, a Bar Council work- the power to disbar or suspend ing party concluded that some barristers who hreach its discibarristers indulge in "disgracepupils whose training they su-

Whatever happens to Mr as the penalty. Mr Sutton-Mattocks part- might be abroad.

Mr Suttoo-Mattocks, who rassment against a barrister bench, he remains free to practime post requires him to sit for though most recorders spend for England and Wales, has much more time than that on the beach.

Mr Sutton-Mattocks, who is plinary code. But a spokes- married and practises mainly as woman said yesterday that if the a criminal harrister, was not appeal was unsuccessful in this available for comment at his chambers yesterday. His clerk said it was believed that he



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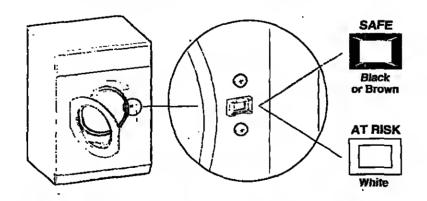
it was announced yesterday.

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Scotland and Northern helend will be colder with rain turning more showery as surry spells break though, but the lar north will keep steadier rain, preceded by sleet or snow

Outlook for the next few days Ramoversouthern England and Wales early on Wednesday will be heavy for a while but it will clear to leave sunshine everywhere in the afternoon, It will be showery, however, with showers most leggert in the north and west. Over Scotland there will be rain, turning to steel or snow as the wind increases. Thursday will be cold everywhere, with significant should over Scotland, and wintry showers quite for south. Most areas will be weton Friday but northern Scotland will have heavy snow.

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Atlantic chart, noon today

WEATHER WISE

THE EIGHTH International Weather Forecasters' festival will take place at the end of this week in Issy-les-Moulineaux, France, where more than 100 television stations will compete for the Best Weather Report Tropby, With sessions devoted to Communications Technologies, the Greenbouse Effect, El Nico, the Internet, and many other weather-related topics, they have a crowded programme, but I hope they will also find room to expand the competitive element. Let's have a Worst Weather Report.

or Most Devastating Unpredicted Hurricane Trophy to go with the other award. Or get delegales to predict the end-of-conference temperature at Issyles-Moulineaux. The one who is most out has to buy a round of drinks for the rest.

The award I would most like to see is the Most Surprising Event Blamed on El Niño Trophy ... And, barring any late entries, the winner is last week's El Nino History and Crisis Conference at the Australian National University, Richard Grove, the convenor of the conference. has been looking back over the past 5,000 years, and has identified traces of El Niño all over the place. The French Revolution? Well, the social conditions were there, he admits, "but if it hadn't been for El Niño kicking in in 1787-88 you might not have had a French revolution at all". It was the crop failures of 1788 that really started it. And without El Niño, the Black Death of the late 1340s would never have spread so fast. Then there's the El Niño-induced Irish potato famine. Enough! You win.

To her godchildren: A few sentimental things

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THE BULK of the fortune of tic or feature of Diana, Princess Diana, Princess of Wales is divided of Wales". equally between her sons but the amended will, made last December, allows for more personal bequests which her family felt she would have wanted.

ByKate Watson-Smyth

£50,000 bequest to her butler, Paul Burrell, and a list of china and paintings which are to be given to her godchildren.

Martyn Gowar, of Lawrence ecutors for the Princess's estate, said: "The trustees have decided on the items for each of the children. There are a range of things like pictures, nice pieces of china and some special photographs. They are not really things of monetary value and in the cootest of a £21m estate they are insignificant. They are purely of sentimental value."

The gross value of the estate was £21,711,485, which, after the payment of unspecified personal taxes, was reduced to £21,468,352 A total of £8,502,330 was paid in inheritance tax and the remaining £12,966,022 will be distributed to the heneficiaries, chiefly the Princes William and Harry.

Until they are 25, the executors will decide how much of the income from their share they should receive and once they are 30 they may ask for the capital. Under the terms of the original will they stood to inherit at 25, provided they survived the Princess for three mooths.

A discretiooary fund has also been set up for the princes and their future families and also for dia interest. "I was here quite by any charities which the trustees chance and decided it was a unique may decide could benefit, which could include the Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fund. The future King of England and I shall fund is listed as including "all my wearing apparel," the sum of £100,000 and any money or investments. It operates indepen-

dently from the rest of the estate. The oew will shows how measures were taken to protect Diana's legacy for her children. A section marked "the Intellectual Property Rights", highlights the most of the others who arrived rights that are, or could be, owned during the morning, had come for by the estate and includes the more prosaic reasons. "I am a procopyright to artistic work, performers' rights and trademarks see what her legacy was and who

It also includes "moral rights," relating to her name, republished,

The Princess's wedding dress, her wardrobe and intellectual property rights - including copyright trademarks and the result-Chief among these is the commercial use of her picture or ing royalties from the authorised name - are to be used for charity purposes, or for the benefit of William, 15, or Harry, 13. It is likely that the wedding dress and some of her designer gowns will go on Graham, the lawyers acting as extral home of Althorp.

The executors of the Princess's will, her mother Frances Shand Kydd, her sister Lady Sarah Mo-Corquodale and the Bishop of London, the Rt. Rev Richard Chartres, agreed with John Major, who is acting as legal guardian. to the young princes that the will should be made public.

Although widely expected to become a bestseller, there was only a trickle of people at Somerset House yesterday morning. Staff had prepared 200 copies photocopies of the will in anticipation of the demand, but by mid-morning the balk of those had been sold to the media. A spokesman for the probate office said about 300 copies were sold by the end of the day and staff had been busy taking calls from around the world.

The first person to buy a copy of the will was Christine Lansdowne, 72, from Sidney, Australia. She had come to Somerset House to research her family history and after purchasing her copy found herself the object of intense meopportunity to buy a historical document. She was the mother of the treasure it," she said.

Mrs Lansdowne said she had been a lifelong royalist, adding: "My mother had pictures of the whole family on the walls all the time and I was married 50 years ago, like the Queen, so I suppose I do feel a bond."

However, Musa Andu, 45, like the beneficiaries were," he said.



Diana in her wedding dress, which is likely to go on permanent display at Althorp, and (below) the signature to her original will

THE GODCHILDREN

Diana, Princess of Wales, had 17. godchildren, all of whom are provided for in her new will. They are: Lady Edwina Grosvenor, is, second child of the Duke and Duchess of Westminster; was the first of Diana's godchildren. The Princess accended the private christening in February 1962, six months after her wedding. She was already expecting Prince William and within two years Lady Edwina was seen as an ideal bride for the future king. The Hon Alexandra Knatchbull, 15, was the second godchild. The daughter of Lord and Lady Romsey and great granddaughter of the late Earl Moundbatten of Burma. Clare Cazzalet, B, daughter of Isabel (née Dawnay, the princess's third cousin) and Victor Cazalet, Mr Cazalet's father was the Queen Mother's race horse trainer. Camilla Straker, 12, daughter of Reuben and Hon Sophie Straker. Sophie Straker was a former flatmate of Diana, and the Princess also accended the couple's wedding three months after her own. Sophie was a guest az the Princess's funeral.

Duke of Edinburgh - and Queen Anne-

Marie of Helienes.

Prince Philippos, II, son of the ex-King.



Leonora Lonsdale, II, daughter of lamie and Laura Lonsdale, Mrs Lonsdale was a lady-in-walting to the Princess, who had attended her wedding. The Lonsdale's IImonth-old son Louis died in 1992 and Diana was a guest at the funeral. Mrs Lonadale attended the Princess's funeral. Jaide Warren, II. son of John and Lady Carolyn Warren. Lady Carolyn is the daughter of the Queen's racing manager, the

Earl of Camarvon.

Lady Mary Wellesley, il, daughter of the Marquess and Marchioness of Douro. The Marquess is the Duke of Wellington's helt. George Frost, 10, son of the broadcaster Sir David and Lady Carina Frost Antonia Twiston-Davies, IO, daughter of Audley Twiston-Davies, a company director, and

his wife, the Hon Caroline Harbord Harnond, THE BEQUESTS who was a schoolifiend of Diana. jack Falkner, 9, son of Coi Simon Falkner, The items to be left to the godchilof the Household Cavalry, and Isabel Falkner. dren were included as part of a 130page valuation catalogue - including china, ornaments and paintings -

Edward, Lord Downpetrick, nine, son of the Earl and Countess of St Andrews. The Earl, eldest son of the Duke and Duchess of Kenc, gave up his rights as 17th in line to the throne to marry Sylvana Tomaselli, a Roman Catholic divorcée in 1988. Jack Bartholomew, eight, son of William

and Carolyn Bartholomew. Carolyn was a schoolfriend and feamate of Diana, and both the Prince and Princess of Wales attended their wedding in 1982. Mrs Bartholomew was at Diana's funeral Benjamin Samuel, eight, son of the Hon Michael and Julia Samuel, Julia Samuel attended princess's launch of charity dedicated to improving support for

bereaved parents.

Antonia Harrington, six, daughter of jonathon Harrington.

Daisy Soarnes, five, daughter of the Hon Rupert and Camilla Soames. Rupert is the brother of Nicholas Soames, the former Conservative defence minister.

Domenica Lawson, two, daughter of Dominic Lawson and the Hon Rosa Mondaton, the friend with enjoyed a holiday the month before she died. Mrs Monckton was at the funeral.

bends a little in 'browser' conflict

By Mary Dejevsky in Washington

> IN ITS first real concession in what have become known as the "browser wars", the Microsoft computer software company yesterday said it will allow Internet providers to promote noo-Microsoft browsers on its Windows program.

It means Microsoft is dropping its requirement that they promote only its own browser. the Internet Explorer.

Microsoft told the European Commission of its move last week but only confirmed it publicly yesterday, the day before the company's chairman, Bill Gates, is to testify before the US Senate Judiciary Com-

A browser provides Internet access; Microsoft's cooditioo that Internet providers promote only Explorer brought accusations that it is seeking to control access to the global information octwork.

But Microsoft has oot addressed the larger question of technology "bundling", the subject of a suit by the US Justice Department, which accuses Microsoft of obliging computermakers to install Microsoft's browser as a cooditioo of installing Windows. It also accuses Microsoft of trying to hind the browser so closely into Windows that computer-makers will have oo choice but to take both or oeither. This, it says, is a breach of a 1995 undertaking designed to preserve competition.

Some 90 per ceot of personal computers sold worldwide come with Wiodows preinstalled and Microsoft's rivals say it is abusing its market position to squeeze out competitors.

This is the issue that will be considered by the Senate Judiciary Committee today, when grilling about his business strat-

MP whose star rose above the ridicule

IN THE NEWS ANN WIDDECOMBE

ON THE surface it seems a tale of forgiveocss and reconciliatioo. Michael Howard is keen to broadcast the fact that he considers Ann Widdecombe, the woman who effectively scuppered his Tory leadcrship hopes, would be a very useful colleague in the Shadow Cabinet, and he would have on objections to her appointment.

So what is it like for Ms Widdecombe to be suddenly embraced by a colleague whom she once described as having "something of the night" about him? A source close to her mused: "I suppose one can cope, as long as there is a plentiful supply

of garlie". Appearances can deceive, in politics per haps more than any other aspect of life. Mr Howard's offeriog of the olive branch, say Ms Widdecombe's supporters, has less to do with magnanimity than saving his own face. She has already been sounded out. about a post in William Hague's team, and ocritical to say there has been a the shadow Foreign Secretary is in no position to object.

It is no longer thought to be a case of. if she will join the Shadow Cabinet, but in what capacity. One of the possible posts could be social services - with the present incumbeot Iain Duncan-Smith promoted - or home affairs, where Brian Mawhinncy has signalled an intention to leave front-

The source added: "Michael did not reline politics. ally have a choice. There is a lot of support liamentary efforts have won the approval. tw Cabinet, and he can hardly object. He one in their ranks who can get under the for Ann Widdecombe being in the Shad-



Ann Widdecombe: 'Politics is a very long game'

is basically retaliating first by being gracious. skin of new Labour, but also of the Labour But he has been very frosty the few times old guard who like her directness and inthey have spoken together recently. If she dependence - reminding them, perhaps, of gets on the Shadow Cabinet they will obviously work together, but it would be hyp- the arrival of the Millbank thought police.

Ms Widdecombe, MP for Maidstone and Weald, says she finds being on the Oppo-Since the May meltdown - as what is left sition back beaches " liberating". Howevof the Tory parliamentary party tries to find er, she is quick to stress that she has oever itself a coherent role - the star of the woman said she would not want to be in governonce ridiculed as " Doris Karloff" has con-ment again. A shadow cabinet post would tinued to rise. She makes regular appear- of course be a step in that direction, and ances on a television series, her novel is with the Tories likely to be out of office for close to completion, and in the House her at least a decade, there is time enough to attacks on Blairism have earned her a ocw establish herself in her party's front ranks. Politics," she says " is a very long game."

Kim Sengupta

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verted Catholic, is against sex before marriage. She is unmarried, and have been mattached apart from a She says: " If anyone says I am not'a virgin, I will sue. One can easily do without without television".



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Ms Widdecombe clashed with her boss, Michael Howard over the sacking of the Prisons Director Derek Lewis, She claimed the Home Secretary had misled the House of Commors over the matter. It

was suggested that Mr Lewis had sent Ms Widdecombe chocolates and flowers, with the suggestion that she had somehow become besotted with the Prisons Director. An angry Ms Widdecombe proved no such gifts had been sent. "Something of the night" was her description of Mr Howard.

rapprochement".

nickname "U-boat Widdecombe".

Interestingly, Ms Widdecombe's par-

ANN'S PROGRESS Ms Widdecombe decided to become a politician at the age of of 14 while at a boarding school at Bath. She entered politics after Oxford she became the villain of the left for her defence of handcuffing expectant mothers at Holloway Jail, and then its hero for savaging Michael

Ms Widdecombe, a conbrief courtship at Oxford. sex, just as one can do .

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THE INDEPENDENT



Keeping the lid on: Alex Hammersley, a PR consultant, with the 1736 Drury-Lowe silver tureen, part of a collection by the renowned 18th-century silver-maker, Paul de Lamerie which will be auctioned in New York and London. The tureen is expected to fetch £500,000 to £800,000 Photograph: PA

Housing ban on paedophiles 'puts children at risk'

By Glenda Cooper Social Affairs Correspondent

Local councils should not impose hlanket bans on housing convicted paedophiles, the Chartered Institute of Housing said in new guidelines released vesterday.

"Hard-line approaches" often dn little more than drive child-sex offenders underground, putting children at more risk, the organisation

The institute has produced the first guidelines for housing workers in England and Wales to deal with the highly sensitive issue of convicted paedophiles in the community. The move

across the country when convicted or suspected paedophiles have been driven from their homes by angry neighbours. Some councils have used their powers under the Housing Act effectively to exclude most or all sex offenders from housing reg-

In Middlesbrough, the local authority announced that it would formally exclude sex nffenders from estates. In Birmingham, however, a council worker was suspended for allegedly alerting mothers on an estate that a paedophile was moving into the area.

The institute argues against banning pacdophiles, saying such an approach could expose an authority to n legal challenge. Instead it urges local authorities to work with other agencies including the police. social services and probation.

"A hard-line approach may mean the ex-offender hecomes homeless or is housed in the private sector and other professionals may find it more difficult to manage their rehabilitation," say the guidelines.

The institute also notes that typical definition of a sex oftheir ahusers) and half of more likely to reoffend. abusers were or had been marto trace someone with a histo- should be housed."

follows a series of incidents ry of sex abuse," said the institute's chief executive. Christine Laird. "It's very important to know where sex offenders are located within the community so we can ensure the commu nity is protected."

The document has been of ficially endorsed by the Local Government Association, which represents nearly 400 housing associations in England and

"What we are interested in is ensuring that a national framework is created to deal with housing sex offenders so it is not left to individual arrangements by police," said Jeanette York, the organisation's housing policy officer. "This is the first step towards addressing regional inconsistencies and maintaining public confidence."

The initiative was also hacked by Victim Support. which offers counselling to victims of crime. "We have to welcome what they are doing with regard to rehousing sex offenders," said a spokesperson. "It is an emotive issue and one of concern to vulnerable members of the public, the victims."

John Wadham, of the civil it is impossible to form a stereo-rights group Liberty, added: "Obviously sex offenders need fender. Children are more at houses in exactly the same way risk from people they know as does everyone else. If we (two-thirds of victims know can't house them then they are

"The key question is where ried. "What police are most con- sex offenders are to be housed cerned about is not being able rather than whether or not they

£50,000 dilemma over freed killer

Robert Oliver served 10 years of a 15-year sentence after being convicted of the murder of 14-year-old Jason Swift, who was throttled and gang-raped in a flat in east London, writes Glenda Cooper.

Since his release he has seen hounded from town to town, with one force having to shoulder a bill of more than £50,000 for keeping him in a cell after he sought refuge, fearing revenge attacks by the public.

His case illustrates the debate over whether convicted sex offenders should be able to live in the community and, if so, whether people should be informed.

Oliver was released from ber and registered on the national paedophile register. He and wore glasses to avoid recognition, but when he arrived in Brighton, social services sent letters to the parents of 27,000 chil-Evening Argus: "I am frightened for my life. It feels like a lynch moh is out there waiting to get months for his own protection. Sussex police estimate it cost the public £50,000 to keep him un- to his situatinn.



Robert Oliver: Feared a lynch mob

der lock and key. Sex-offender treatment clinics initially refused to take responsibility for Oliver, although yesterday Sussex Wandsworth prison in Septem- police confirmed that he had moved out of the area and was at a medium-secure forensic has been hounded nut of Swin- unit where, although he has his don, London, Duhlin, Liverpool own room and en suite bathand Manchester. He cut his hair room, he is treated under lock

Asked why this clinic had admitted Oliver when others had refused, a spokeswoman for dren in the town. He told the the clinic said: "Any patient admitted has to meet specific criteria for admission and Mr Oliver will have met these crime." As a result, he ended up teria." The police said: "He has in the police cell for four agreed voluntarily to go to an assessment centre and we are looking for a long-term solution

Gulf veterans link cancers to missiles

Gulf War could be responsible for cancers which killed 30 British veterans.

Campaigners believe that microscopic quantities of depleted uranium (DU) may have contributed to a spate of lymphatic cancers which have claimed the lives of UK soldiers who served during the 1991 con-

The artillery shells and bombs used by both the British and US forces in the Gulf were tipped with DU to penetrate beavy armour plating,

Tony Flint, acting chairman of the Gulf Veterans' and Families' Association, said: "Depleted uranium was on these weapons as they exploded with incredible heat and force - who knows what effect it had on those in the area."

A spokesman for the Ministry of Defence, which is in-

URANIUM particles released vestigating DU as part of a by Allied shelling during the wide-ranging inquiry into the causes of Gulf War illnesses, said there was no evidence so far of the metal being responsible for any abnormal diseases or conditions.

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Prostitutes' killer brings fear to streets of Glasgow Crime Correspondent THE bettered body of 27-yearold Margaret Lafferty lay in a doorway in a narrow cobbled street for about 16 hours before it was noticed. Known to her friends as Margo, she was the seventh prostitute to be murdered in

early hours of Saturday morning has left the city's 700 street prostitutes in fear. But despite the fact that there is a serial killer or a number of murderers targetting vice girls in Glasgow most street workers feel compelled to continue working to feed their beroin habits. The risks seem enormous. Of the seven killed, one was stabbed 17 times and strangled,

Glasgow in less than seven

Her brutal killing in the

third was found naked in some Police believe Margaret Lafferty, a drug user, was killed during a "sustained and violent" attack in West Regent Lane at

another was mutilated and

dumped in a car park and a

Brutal death: Prostitute Margaret Lafferty

about 2am on Saturday. The dingy single-track road, where shops and offices pile their rubbish, joins two busy streets and is close to the city's red light district, known as "Anderstone".

By day the area is frequented by professionals working in solicitors' firms, legal practices and financial institutions. By night it is taken over by dozens of women selling sex.

Margaret's body, which was passer-by at about 6pm on Saturday.



Detective Chief Superintendent John Campbell said Ms Lafferty had put up a struggle with her killer. He added: "The person who carried out this attack may well have been covered in both mud and blood."

As the death toll has risen so has the terror felt among the of any punters. city's street walkers. Roseann Courts, a worker at

the city's Base 75 support centre, said: "The women are terworking because they were so identified.

"But most of the street workers are drug users and they need the money to fed their habit - most are on heroin. They just don't see any other option."

Some prostitutes now work in pairs, with one keeping a note of the car registration number

They are also all advised to pick up their clients in view of the city's surveillance cameras so that any potential attacker partly hidden, was found by a rified. Some have stopped will be fearful of being

They are warned to always killer.

- for a second man - and to never wear a scarf, as it could be used as a murder weapon.

Strathelyde police vesterday played down speculation of a serial killer saying there was no evidence of a link between any of the previous murders and that of Margaret Lafferty.

Shops and offices in Glasgen. city centre have been asked to keep CCTV video footage shot over the weekend which may contain pictures of the

Channel 4 snubs Murdoch for news contract

Media Editor

ITN executives breathed a heavy sigh of relief yesterday when Channel 4 announced that it would be sticking with its news service. They were hracing themselves for major job losses if they had lost the business.

-undertook to supply Channel 4 independent producer. with a balf-bour programme on Saturday evenings rather than simply a short bulletin.

for Rupert Murdoch's satellite HarperCollins. "Sky was al- bosted initially by Peter Sissons garded news service."

supplier to ITV and Channel 5 Barrowclough Carey, a leading own timetable for taking this im-

Channel 4 stressed that the spokesman for the station. decision to stick with ITN had nothing to do with the current

To retain the contract, the service, BSkyB, which had been ways going to be the junior part- but long synonymous with anportant decision," said a

ITN has produced Channel 4 News since the launch of The decision not to put the controversy surrounding Mr Britain's fourth terrestrial net-

company - which is also news backing a rival bid by Mentorn, ner and we always had our chorman Jon Snow, has won a number of international awards and accolades for its intelligent and analytic journalism.

Channel 4's chief executive, Michael Jackson, said yesterday: "Channel 4 is standing fourcontract out to tender is a blow Murdoch's publishing house work in 1982. The programme, square behind its highly re-

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It's enough to make you lose interest

Eva Herzigova modelling a pink wool day dress from Blumarine yesterday in Milan.

collections in a series of shows that end on Saturday Photograph: Paolo Cocco/Reuters

where more than 100 designers have been showing ready-to-wear autumn

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Bossy' Labour accused of creating criminals

By Anthony Bevins Political Editor

THE Government was yesterday accused of criminalising honest citizens with "an endless raft of unnecessary, hossy, nan-eurb the sale of Vitamin B6. nying, tyrannical rules and regfrom pistof-shooting to on-the-

The Commons outburst from Quentin Davies, an outspoken Conservative back-

permission was being considculture committee is to inves- ernment? tigate controversial plans to

Mr Davies's irate protest utations", dealing with issues came during Commons ques- utated? tion time, when he asked Jack Straw, the Home Secretary: "Do you not realise that, in the Private Member's measure - but tight of yesterday's countryside you also know there is overrally, if you go much further bencher, coincided with an along this road and reduce the crime and disorder agenda

announcement that planning drink-driving limit and ban foxhunting, you will bring the law ered for Leylandii hedges, and into progressive disrepute, not news that the Commons agri- to mention your dreadful gov-

> To Tory cheers, he asked: "Isn't it about time this government thought before it reg-

Mr Straw replied: "You know the fox-hunting Bill is a whelming public support for the

which this government is vigorously pursuing."

During question time, Mr Straw also took the opportunity to accuse some animal rights protesters of being terrorists. "I believe that some of the

actions of the so-called animal rights protesters to be utterly outrageous," he said. "In some cases ... some of the individuals have been convicted of offences which amount to ter-

But the charge that the Gov-

that should be none of its husiness will be fuelled by a decision taken by the Commons agriculture committee, at a private

sale of B6 Vitamins. Under government proposals - which will require legislation and which are said to have provoked 100,000 protest letters B6 doses of more than 10 milligrams will only be available thing over 50tngs requiring a some form of government inprescription.

Richard Caborn, the planning boundary hedges is necessary." minister, said in a written Commeeting last week, to hold a speedy investigation into government plans to restrict the required where a fence, wall or gate would be over one metre high and next to a highway used by vehicles, or over two metres

tervention is relation to Ley-As for domestic hedges, landii trees and other high

The Prime Minister's official mons reply to Peter Luff, Con-spokesman said yesterday that servative chairman of the legislation on for hunting was agriculture committee: "Plan- . not seen as a government prining permission is already. Onty, if, as expected, Michael Foster's Private Member's legislation is stalled and killed off by determined opponents.

His Wild Mammals (Hunting with Dogs) Bill is due to

crument is meddling in matters from pharmacists, with any. "I am considering whether have the first day of its Commons report stage on Friday.

The No 10 sookesman also said that Mr Blair had not so far given any consideration to the creation of a new government department, which would consolidate responsibility for countryside matters.

He said a decision was not imminent, but as any announcement would be tied in with Mr Blair's first Cabinet reshuffle, there is no need for

Peers impose defeat on student fees

THE Government was defeated in the Lords last night, when peers carried an amendment to the Teaching and Higher Education Bill, seeking to ensure that poorer students pay no more than half their maintenance costs. Voting was 143 to 102, an Opposition majority of 41.

The vote would restore maintenance grants as recommended by the Dearing report. and last night jubilant Tories who led the defeat said it would be difficult for the Prime Minister to seek to overturn the

"Tony Blair said last week in of the dangers that it opens up." the Commons that he was implementing the Dearing Comtaken him at his word. He can't get out of that now," said David Willetts, a front bench Tory spokesman in the Commons.

The vote was forced by Baroness Blatch, a former min- ly unfair", he protested. ister and the Tory education spokesman in the Lords, with crossbench and Liberal Demo- amendment would "run crat support. Labour left wing counter to the fair funding MPs have warned the Govern- arrangements" for higher edument they could also rebel if cation which the Government concessions are not made by ministers before the Bill returns to the Commons.

attempt to overturn the Gov- tually earn the highest salaries. ernment's plan for tuition fees for students was narrowly de- cepted, the only way to control feated by 14, on a vote of 110 the higher education budget to 96 against the party's amendment. The amendment would on the numbers of students have ensured that students' and that would be unacceptable. £1,000-a-year fees were repaid as a Government grant.

In the vote, which took place during the detailed report stage dehate on Bill, several Lahour peers rebelled against the Gov- two hishops.

ernment line, including Lord Glenamara, the former deputy Labour leader and one-time Secretary of State for Educa-

Introducing the amendment, Lord Tope, the Liberal Democrat sponsor, said there was "widespread concern and opposition throughout the country" to tuition fees. He warned that they were a disincentive to applying to university and the next target could be the sixth

"The time has come to say that student payment of tuition fees is a step too far in principle, in practice and in terms

Lord Glenamara said the Government had "taken leave mittee report. The Lords have of its senses" and "gone off its rocker" imposing tuition fees.

It had no mandate to do it. and was putting a "roadblock" on the route to further education. The plan was "grotesque-

But Baroness Blackstone, the Education Minister, said the proposed. It would require the taxpayer to bear the full cost of higher education, including pay-Earlier, a Liberal Democrat ing for those who would even-

If the amendment was acwould be to impose strict curbs

supported by five Labour rebels - including Lord Glenamara -46 Liberal Democrats, 31 Tories, 12 crossbenchers and



Alex Salmond, the SNP leader, and Margaret Ewing, MP for Moray, taking a break during the Scottish Grand Committee meeting in Edinburgh yesterday

SNP seeks inquiry into Connery snub

sioner for Standards is to be in the new Scottish Parliament. asked to investigate claims that the former Bond actor Sean more freedom of information, Connery was denied a knighthood because of a donation to or anyone else has been disthe Scottish National Party.

leader, yesterday said that he money to political parties. Mr Salmond was speaking

Lord Tope's amendment was mittee in Edinhurgh, where he had earlier tried to raise the Secretary of State for Scotland,

THE Parliamentary Commis- freedom of information with-He said: "Perhaps if there is we could be told if Mr Connery criminated against because of Alex Salmond, the SNP their political policies."

However, the committee would be writing to Lord Neill chairman, John Maxton MP, to ask him if people are dis-immediately ruled Mr Salmond criminated against for giving out of order - leaving Mr Dewar free to ignore the question. Later Mr Salmond said: "It

after the Scottish Grand Com- is unprecedented that the chairman of the committee intervened to protect the minister subject with Donald Dewar, the from answering. My question was certainly about freedom of through a question about more information, about publishing



Sean Connery: Donation

the decision where Sean Connery was discriminated against for political reasons. These questions are not go-

ing to go away. They will remain

they reflect on the credibility of the Government and the decision-making processes going on in the Scottish Office."

Mr Salmond said he would Mr Dewar also came under some fire for the leaked proposal

to house the Scottish Parliament temporarily in the former headquarters of Strathclyde Regional Council in Glasgow.

Ironically he was heing questioned in the huilding which many felt should have housed the Parliament, the parties.

until they are answered because Old Royal High School, rather than in a new huilding in Holyrood.

Mr. Dewar accused the Nationalists of "blind prejudice" against Glasgow, hut added be writing to Lord Neill, as he that it was still a contest between was unable to table Parlia- three sites. He said: "I was mentary questions on the sub- astonished by the Nationalists' ject in the House of Commons. reactions to the suggestion that there should be a site in Glasgow. I don't believe any sensible person would see it as an insult to Glasgow. I can only think that it comes from a view based on hlind prejudice."

He added that as soon as the Glasgow option was raised he had informed the opposition

NHS in bid to cut £70m fraud

By Colin Brown Chief Polipcal Correspondent

MINISTERS will unveil a new NHS prescription form tomorrow to comhat fraud, as the Government weathers the storm over its decision to increase prescription charges by 15p to a total £5.80 per item.

Welfare on find:

The rise, revealed exclusively in yesterday's Independent, led to a backlash from patients' groups, health union leaders and the Liberal Democrats, and upset the Government's plans for spin-doctoring to defend the increase as a real-terms cut.

The new forms will contain a light-sensitive strip as an antifraud device in an attempt to stop an estimated £70m a year trade in forged prescriptions.

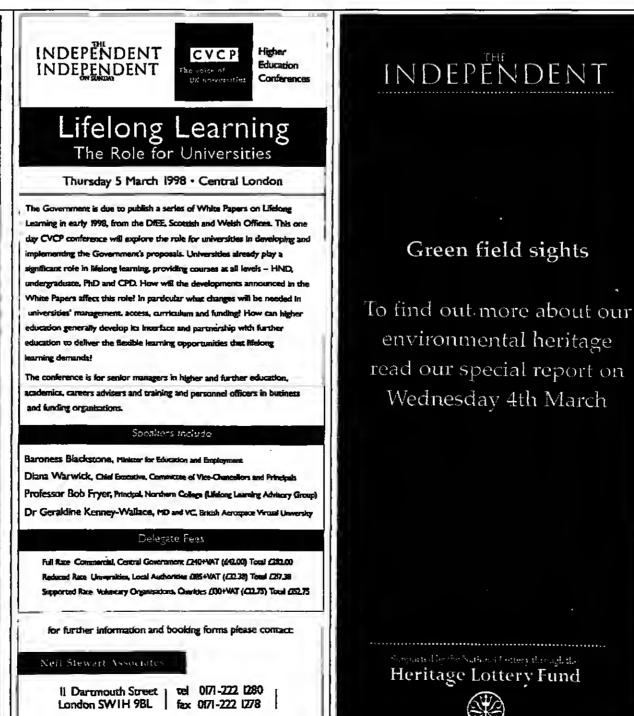
Pharmacists are to be offered rewards for spotting the forgeries, but the fraud-busting measures will increase critieism that the prescription charge is too high and encourage other forms of dodging.

The Prime Minister's official spokesman said the 2.7 per cent rise was less than inflation. "For the first time, the charge has fallen against inflation." He confirmed that ministers were actively looking at the possibility of restoring free eye-tests and free dental check-ups for the elderly to soften the impact.

Liheral Democrat spokesman Simon Hughes said: "Instead of taxing the sick, isn't it time the Government started trying to make them better?"

Peter Curphey, president of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society, said: "This rise may well be small, hut for some people it will he the final straw which will prevent them from obtaining the NHS treatment they need."





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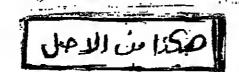
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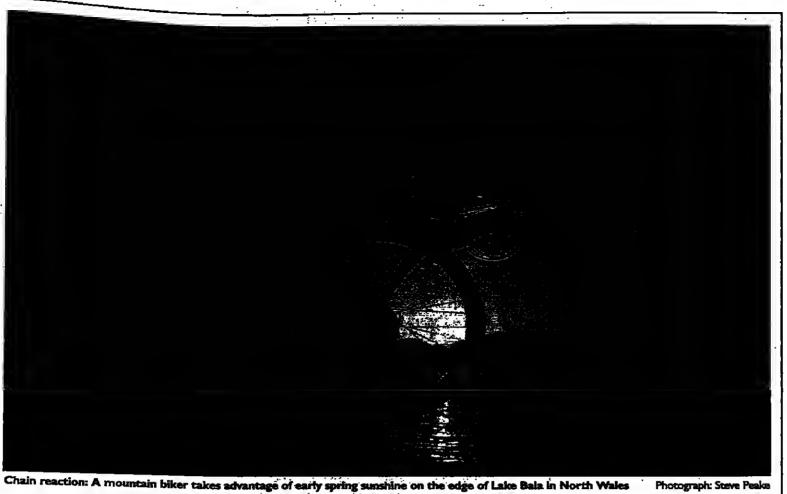
ing a noise outside the house. The woman said by the prosecution to have been the real target of the attack, 37-year-old Susan Humphrey, told Exeter Crown Court that she could not

she said.

ter Humphrey, 51, from Axminster, Devon, pleaded not guilty to two charges of aiding and abetting a person or persons unknown to cause grievous bodily harm on 10 July 1996.

or helped" another person -

tranged wife. The trial was adjourned



a storm of protest By Charles Arthur

Mr A. Nino weathers

Science Editor

FEW PEOPLE know what it's like to be mistaken for a shifting mass of warm water in the Pacific Ocean. But one man in the town of Nipomo, on the coast of California, does, Oh yes, Alfonso Nino - "Al" to his friends - certainly knows.

The phone calls started a few weeks ago. As the weather worsened, so did the tones of complaint. Sometimes the peopie were rude - and at first the retired naval pilot was confused by them. "What the hell do you mean by making it rain so much?" they would ask. Then the penny dropped: they thought that Al Nino was El Niño, the ocean circulatory system which over the past few months has caused inches of unseasonal rain to be dumped on the state of California.

Mr Nino has had more than



100 calls. "One man rang me and said I was responsible for his daughter losing her virginity," Mr Nino said. "I said. how? He said, because she couldn't get home one night because a storm blocked the road, I said I was sorry, though I didn't

know what she thought of it." Usually, he said; he just plays along with callers: "But

some really believe it's my fault. I just play along with those ones, and warn them if they're not nice I'll make it keep raining."

And there's a silver lining to this cloud. Mr Nino, who is 75 a week today, has abruptly discovered that Andy Warhol was right about those 15 minutes of fame. He has featured in the local San Jose Mercury News, 00 his local television station, on television in New York, the Jay Leno Show, and countless radio shows. Meanwhile his phone number is oow on the Internet, where people are wondering if he's related to the outdoor mural artist Al Fresco, the noted pasta chef Al Dente, or the reptile keeper Al Ligator.

Receiving our call from the UK reminded Mr Nino of Scotland, "I was posted there, My son was born there." And his son's name? "Alan." At least he'll know not to shorteo it in the phooe book.

Welfare plan finds work for one-third

By Anthony Bevins and Glenda Cooper.

ONE-THIRD of lone parents taking part in the "New Deal" welfare-to-work programme have been found work in the first six mooths that pilot schemes have been running, it was said last night.

As the scheme will eventually be open to half of the 1 millioo looe parents curreotly claiming income support - those with children of school age ministers are closely monitoring initial results.

Harriet Harman, Secretary of State for Social Security, said last night that it was encouraging that once lone parents hecame aware of the advantages offered by the personal help they would receive, 90 per ceot of those interviewed agreed to take part in the programme.

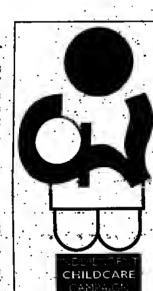
In the eleven pilot areas, 20,205 lone parents had been cootacted in the first six months; there had been 4,584 initial interviews booked; 3,761 had attended those interviews; 3,368 had agreed to participate - and

1.113 had found work. No breakdown was available of the kind of work takeo up full-time or part-time, pay rates, or sectors - but the Department has ordered an independent evaluation, which will provide greater detail, including a comparison with areas where the scheme is not operating.

But one of the case studies provided by the Department cited the case of a woman of 39, with two children, aged 11 and 15, who had been on income

support for seven years. Having left school at 16 without formal qualifications, she started work last September as a sales assistant, and was now £84.40 a week better off in

In another case, a woman of the two important roles."



31, with three children aged 4. 8 and 10, was £33.35 a week better off as a receptionist.

Ms Harman said that the Chancellor of the Exchequer had already made £300m available for out-of-school childcare for low-income families which was helping the lone parents taking part in the

After a "manifesto" for lone-parent families was delivered to No 10 yesterday, Sally Witcher, director of the Child Poverty Action Group, said the New Deal scheme for lone parents was welcome, hut oot enough, partly because it was aimed only at those with school-

age children. "The extent of child poverty among lone parent families is a national scandal," she said.

"Poverty does not have to be an inevitable consequence of lone parenthood, although cuts to lone parent benefits will increase the likelihood of poverty. Instead, with proper support, lone pareots could be enabled to have real choices - as parents or as workers, or in combining

'Obsessed husband behind acid attack'

An obsessed husband arranged to have concentrated nitric acid thrown in the face of his estranged wife - only for the teenage baby-sitter to be scured by mistake, a court was told yesterday:

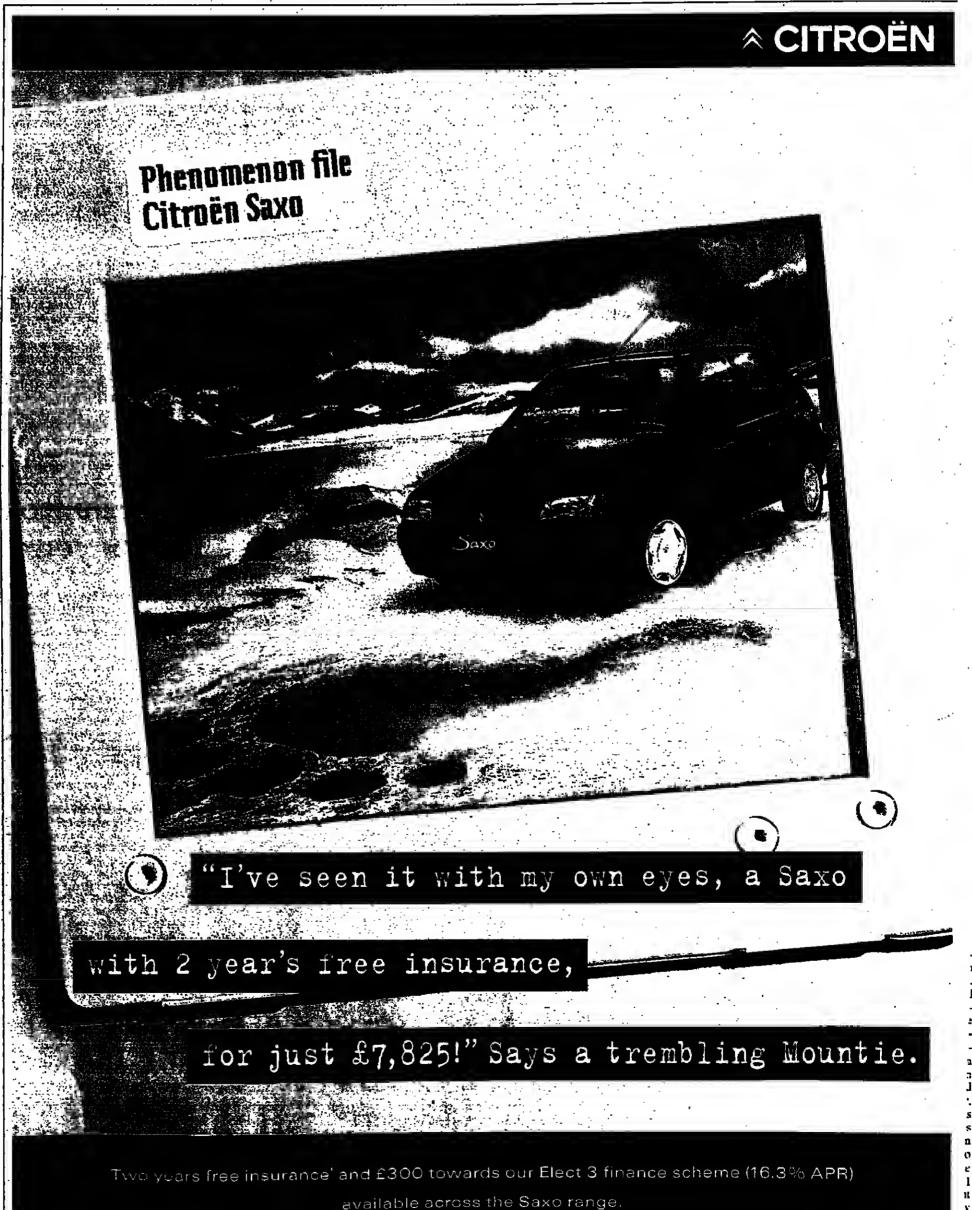
Beverley Hammett, 21, her face still bearing the scars of the attack, told the jury how she felt a "burning sensatioo" after opening the front door on hear-

believe the sight of the baby sit-ter's face - I will never forget

it. I could not believe someone could do something like this,"

Her estranged husband, Pe-

The court was told that Mr Humphrey was so "consumed by jealousy" at the breakdown of his marriage that he "caused who has not been traced - to hurl acid into the face of his co-



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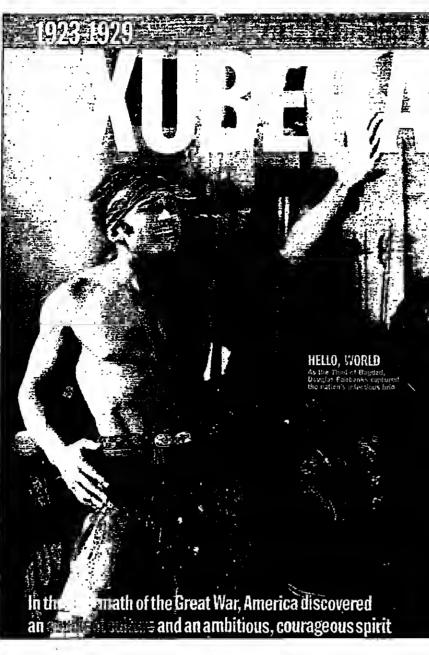
Images of the age: Time's first cover, with House Speaker Joseph Cannon, the anniversary issue, and Dauglas Fairbanks and Charles Lindbergh



By Steve Crawshaw

IT BEGAN in 1923 as a bright idea launched by two Yale graduates in their twenties. Henry Luce and Briton Hadden created a 32-page news magazine - an entirely untried idea. The philosophy was bachev. Bill Gates and Muhammad Ali clearly defined; everything should be "titillating or epic or super-curtly factual". As the confident prospectus declared, the aim sic Hall in New York. Time is the acceptof the magazine was to "cut through the ed grand old man of news magazines clutter of information we're exposed to, and to try to make sense of the world".

Three-quarters of a century later, was invented as a way of covering up the Tune magazine has taken on an almost em- fact that the magazine had failed to pril blematic quality, representing the power Charles Lindbergh on the cover when he dun and Hong Kong respectively.



and influence of the press world-wide. The made his piooeering flight in May 1927. Man of the Year slot and the cover sto- Instead. Lindbergh was promoted to the cover story in a quiet week for news at ries have become an international reference point, a shorthand for fame. This the end of the year - the first ever Man week, some fortner cover subjects - inof the Year. cluding President Clinton, Mikhail Gor-

The magazine - which, according to the original concept, was to be readable within an hour - remains predominantly American in its world view. But it sells almost a third of its 5.5 million copies outside the United States. In Britain alone, it sells almost as many copies as The Economist. Increasingly, it has become a global news magazine, with regional Enropean and Asian editions edited in Lon-

stories easier to read and understand; correspondents sometimes feel that New York Times - remains patchy. has turned a story upside down. As Lance Morrow notes in this week's anniversary field and editors in New York took exactly gone from bad to good or good to bad in the editorial alchemy."

For the enthusiasts, this is a key source competition with Newsweek, the rival ers movie studios, and CNN. In the the same.

For its critics, Time is dominated by the that was founded in 1933, Like Newweek, circumstances, the possibilities for Time to culture of the soundbite. It remains an ed- Time plays a key role in a country where talk frankly about problems at Warner Bros itors', not a writers', paper. The editors the national distribution of the heavyin New York argued that they made the weight daily press - the Washington Post, the New York Times, or the Los Angeles

Time is now part of a media empire whose influence is so enormous that crit-

or at CNN are clearly limited.

But Time insists that it can remain independent in spirit. It insists, too, that the prospects remain good. The chairman of Time Inc. Don Logan, noted last June: "I don't know of anybody making money on issue: "Sometimes correspondents in the ics see damaging conflicts of interest. In the Internet." In the meantime, howevsome ways, these mirror the controversy er, Time's own emphasis on online access opposite views about whether a story had in recent days over Rupert Murdoch's intervention to prevent publication of a book advertises five separate online services. by Chris Patten that would be critical of Time magazine is used to re-inventing its China The Time-Warner empire includes, format. That will no doubt continue, of well-packaged information - in constant alongside Time magazine, Warner Broth- even if the heart of the magazine remains

Wife-killer doctor Railtrack warned of jailed for six years safety prosecutions

was jailed for six years at the Old Bailey after admitting that he battered his wife with a hammer and then threw her to her death from their bedroom window.

Vivian Harris, 51, bludgeoned his wife Jocelyn, 39, at least seven times as she sat sipping coffee with her back to him on the patio of their home in Beckenham, Kent. He had suffered severe de-

pression over impending divorce proceedings, said Nigel Sweeney, for the prosecution. Harris, a consultant obstetrician and gynaecologist at tinguished or shared."

Lewisham and Guy's Hospitals, London, admitted manslaughter in June last year due to diminished responsibility. His plea of not guilty to murder was accepted by the court. Mrs Harris's skull was fractured and fragments of it scat-

tered on the patin in the attack - but she was still alive. Harris then wrapped her in a bin liner and sheet and carried her unstairs to the first-floor master bedroom where he threw her

A LEADING gynaecologist back on to the patio, said Mr Sweeney. She died from a fractured spine.

The Recorder of London, Sir Lawrence Verney, said he had heard from three psychiatrists that Harris was suffering from a depressive illness which substantially impaired his mental responsibility for the acts.

He said: The responsibility for the death of your wife is yours and yours alone. It is a responsibility which is diminished in accordance with the law because of your medical condition at the time - but it is not ex-

Harris first tried to cover up the death of his wife - a former nurse - by pretending to police she had fallen from the window. Then he confessed he had "snapped". Harris said that over the last two months she had subjected him to the "most unbelievable feeling of worthlessness over the insane, crazy divorce."

Defence connsel Julian Bevan QC said Harris's guilt and torment for the crime would

By Randeep Ramesh Transport Correspondent

RAILTRACK, the owner of the nation's railways, could face criminal prosecutions over the "persistent poor condition" of some tracks.

The concerns of the Health and Safety Executive came to light in a letter to Railtrack from the deputy inspector of railways. Vic Coleman.

That said prosecutions uf Railtrack by the HSE were being considered. In two cases, Mr Coleman wrote, track was "in such an extremely bad condition so as to be unsafe". Railtrack already faces an

HSE prosecution over a freight train crash at Bexley in Kent in February last year when seven wagons left the track, injuring four members of the public. The inspectorate remained

concerned about the condition of track nn the Railtrack net-

In one incident highlighted, a passenger train left the rails at Harwich, injuring a passenger. Two days later, a nuclear waste train was derailed a mile along the same line.

Mr Coleman said his inspectorate would not telerate track that was "not being maintained in a condition so as to reduce the risk of railway passengers and employees so far as is reasonably practicable".

Railtrack said it had met safety inspectors last week. "The railway is safe and this remains a Railtrack priority," a spokesman said.

The company's critics say it is parsimonious, "Railtrack has underspent its maintenancehudget by £277m, so a less safe railway is an understandable result," said Jonathan Bray of Save Our Railways.

Safety is a key concern for Railtrack. It had a setback in 1994, when it took over from British Rail. Then empty passenger coaches were derailed on tracks approaching Euston station, London. The HSE then issued an enforcement notice making the company replace worn-out tracks.

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His cough before he spoke and those old lines "Well, worse things happen at sea", "Fair doos!" And "Cheer up, you're a long time dead!". But now as you Oxfam his clothes and shoes,

Those Christmas ties he never wore, And bin his "comics" and his tarry pipes, What would you give to find those shards of mud, The morning curtains hanging "just not right".

A chip of cough from somewhere in the house Before "Love have you seen my _...?"

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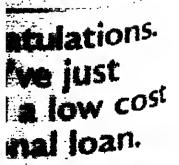
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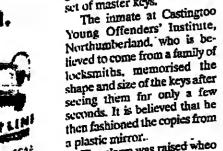
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Gary Eckersall, vice chairman of the Master Locksmiths Association, said: "To just have a quick look at a key and then make n copy would be very

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Top of the class: Vic Ecclestone, winner of the Disney teacher of the year award, with ballerina Darcey Bussell

6 It's standards that matter 9

Education Correspondent

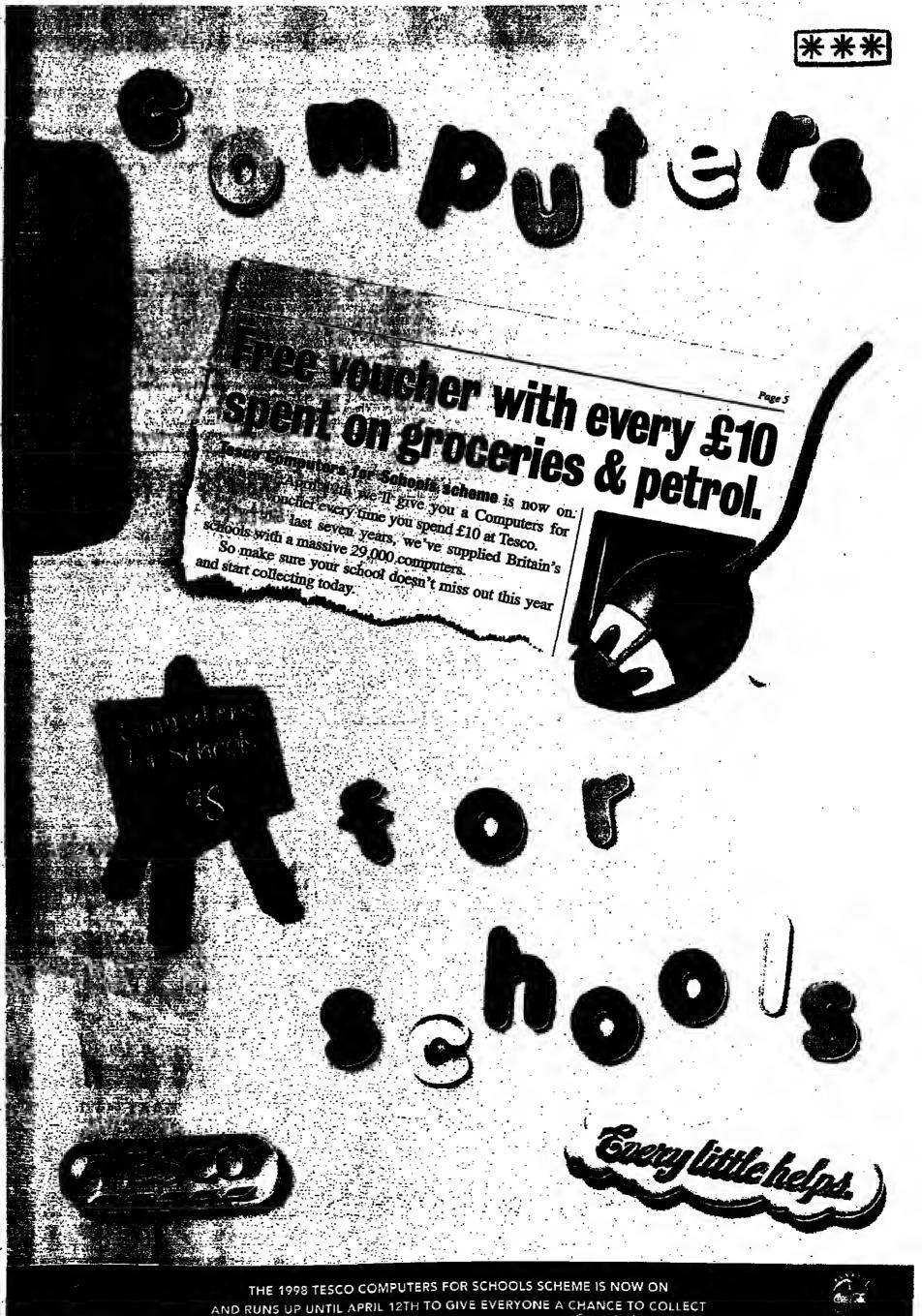
FORMER teacher of the year Vic Ecclestone had to create a new job title to carry on his work to raise standards no one of Britain's most deprived council estates.

Mr Ecclestone, a full-time special needs teacher at Hartcliffe School in Bristol, took up the specially created post of head of extra mural studies, working with pupils to bring sport and the arts to the comprehensive and its oeighbouring primary schools.

Thanks to his efforts, children on the tough estate were given access to groups such as the Royal Ballet and the Welsh National Opera, through a range of extra-curricular activities which have helped produce a dramatic rise in GCSE pass rates.

Mr Ecclestone, who has taken a year's leave to help set up an educational charity bringing arts projects to primary schools in Bristol, was named Disney teacher of the year in recognition of his efforts.

Yesterday he welcomed plans in promote classroom "superteachers", but said giving teachers the time to promote high standards was more important than money. He said: "In my case it was not the money so much as being able to make time available to do



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Blunkett said: "The new grade

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of this grade shows our com-

mitment to rewarding the best

teachers and encouraging the

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Eamonn O'Kane, of the Na-

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Teachers, said: "The great majority of able, committed teach-

ers will, by definition, not be

eligible to become advancedskills teachers and that is bound

Doug McAvoy, general sec-

retary of the National Union of

Teachers, said: "There will be big problems created by cutting

across the management structure io schools, and the struc-

ture of extra pay for additional

Association of Teachers and

Lecturers found that teachers thought between a fifth and a

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The first teachers on the new grade will be selected this Sep-

Advanced skill teachers will

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The new "advanced skills structure and pay".

By Judith Judd

Education Editor

HEAD teachers will resist gov-

ermment plans for a new grade

of superteacher who may earn

teachers", announced yesterday,

would be paid between £25,000

and £40,000 a year to remain in

the classroom rather than

The best-paid would earn

more than all but 1.1 per cent

of primary head teachers and all

but 6.7 per cent of secondary

Head teachers' leaders said

they would be advising heads

and governing bodies not to ap-

point superteachers nnless

heads' and deputies' differen-

From next year, the average

salary of primary deputy heads will be about £27,000 and sec-

oodary deputies around

£35,000. The equivalent fig-

ures for heads are £32,000 and

David Hart, general secre-

tary of the National Association

of Head Teachers, recognised

that good teachers were "worth

their weight in gold" but added:

"It is very unlikely that there will

be enough money in school

budgets to pay the salaries de-

manded. There are many more good teachers in schools than

those who will be covered by this

the crisis in recruitment for

heads and deputies: "If you can

get that sort of money by being

an advanced skills teacher, why

als are based on recommenda-

tions from the teachers'

independent pay review body which says that superteachers

should have extra duties on top

of their classroom teaching,

should not have the same limit on their working time as or-

The Government's propos-

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The scheme would deepen

tials were protected.

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more than many heads.

THE biggest teaching union will decide this week whether to hallot on a campaign to boycott classroom bureaucracy, writes Indith Judd.

A survey by the National Uninn of Teachers found that teachers complained about bulk photocopying to remedy book shortages, copying out lists, chasing up absent or late children nod time-wasting preparation for inspections.

Anger among teachers about paperwork and red tape

Leaders of the National Associatioo of Schoolmasters Union of Women Teachers have already decided to ballot members over red tape as part of their campaign to let teachers

Members of the Association of Teachers and Lecturers will vote at their Easter conference on a motion calling for strike ac-

tion, if necessary, to reduce the stress on primary teachers.

Recommendations from a government working party on red tape have failed to end the profession's frustration over the hureaucratic burden on

The NUT is expected to decide this week on a ballot which could lead to a boycott of some paperwork.

Doug McAvoy, its geocral secretary, said: "The profession has always been clear in its attitude to non-teaching duties. If they support teaching and learning, the hours spent are worthwhile - but must be within acceptable limits.

"What teachers detest most is the ever-growing list of tasks and the hours they consume which contribute nothing to their pupils' development and the quality o their teaching."

Inmate copied cell keys from memory complete change of locks in

A YOUNG offenders' unit has been forced to spend thoubreak-out. sands of pounds changing locks after an immate with a photngraphic memory copied a vital

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comment on the cost of replacing the locks, but a Prisoo Service spokesperson said security measures would be takBy Imre Karacs

RATTLED by his party's heavy defeat in Sunday's Lower Sax-ony elections, Chancellor Helmut Kohl angrily rejected suggestions yesterday that he should ahandon his attempt to gain a fifth term of office."

"I am it." he curtly replied, when asked if the Christian Democrats had a candidate strong enough to take on the opposition's newly-acclaimed champion. Gerhard Schröder. Mr Schröder was officially endorsed by the leadership of the Social Democrats yesterday after scoring the party's biggest victory in his region.

With 48 per cent of the votes, up nearly 4 per cent, the SPD secured an absolute majority in the Hanover assembly. The results of the Christian Democrats, with just under 36 per cent, were virtually unchanged, "This is a very disappointing election result for us," Chancellor Kohl conceded.

He had made 11 campaign appearances in Lower Saxony, in the forlorn hope of spiking Mr Schröder's attempt at securing the SPD nomination.

The strategy clearly backfired, "Because he turned it into a primary, Helmut Kohl determined the outcome of this election." Mr Schrüder said.

The rematch will take place on 27 September, when Chancellor Kohl faces the voters' scrutiny in elections to the Bundestag. His challenger, Mr Schröder, is lean, 14 years younger and enjoys a popularity rating twice as high as Mr Kohl's. The SPD are about tell whether this combination will 6 per cent ahead of the Christian Democrats.

The omens are not good for stuff of nightmares.

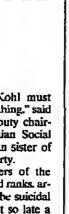
the incumbent. "Kohl must come up with something," said Ingo Friedrich, deputy chairman of the Christian Social Union, the Bavarian sister of the Chancellor's party.

Bus other leaders of the Christian bloc closed ranks, arguing that it would be suicidal to ditch Mr Kohi at so late a stage. No senior figure in the party is expected to make an open challenge, but continued talk of Mr Kohl's vulnerability against an opponent he failed to anticipate will not help his cause. Mr Schröder, meanwhile,

was busy setting out his store in Bonn yesterday. True to form, he dropped one small bombshell on the first day in his new role, warning the Greens not to count on a place in government. should he win. His antipathy to the Greens is legendary. But, as he admitted, the SPD cannot expect to win enough votes in September to govern alone.

In Lower Saxony, Mr Schröder took votes off every party, a feat he will hope to repeat on the national stage. He pledged to fight for the middle ground in politics, the same spot currently occupied by the Christian Democrats. "We're talking about a political programme which embraces both business and social responsibility," he declared after his triumph. "It has

to be anchored in the centre." While he hattles in the "new middle", the left flank will be defended by Oskar Lafontaine, the SPD's party chairman, who gave up his ambition to run against Mr Kohl after being confronted with the magnitude of Mr Schröder's victory. Time will prove to be a dream ticket or, from the SPD's point of view, the





A Serb policeman attacks an ethnic Albanian who joined thousands in Pristina, capital of Kosovo province, to protest over recent bloodshed

Serb police crush protest in Kosovo

By Andrew Gumbel

SERBIAN police charged into crowds of protesting Albanians in the capital of the southern province of Kosovo yesterday, knocking down scores of peoplc with heavy clubs and water cannon in a brutal follow-up to a spate of killings over the weekend.

Despite international appeals for calm, the Serbian authorities appeared determined to silence by force all dissent in the Albanian-majority province. The offices of the Albanian-language newspaper

its editor, the respected Albanian rights campaigner Vetan Suroi, was heaten up. Unconfirmed reports suggested there had also been exchanges of gunfire. Yesterday's demonstration

in Pristina, attended by tens of thousands of people, followed a weekend of police searches and armed confrontations across the province, particularly the Drenica region, in which at least 16 Albanians and four Serb policemen were shot dead. The past few days have

Koha Ditore were raided and unrest since the Serbian authorities stripped Kosovo of its autonomous status in 1989, raising fears in the international community of an open armed conflict in which the Albanians, despite their overwhelmingly superior numbers, are sure to be the big losers.

Kosovo was the issue on which the present Yugoslav President, Slobodan Milosevic, built his career - removing autonomy for the Albanians as a way of stirring up Serbian nationalism, as the province is home to some of the most holy seen some of the most serious sites of the Serbian Orthodox

Church. It has remained an excuse to deflect attention from Mr Milosevic's political failings in Serbia and the rest of the former Yugoslavia, particularly since the emergence of a new armed element in the Albanian opposition known as

the Kosovo Liberation Army. The KLA began openly claiming responsibility for the killing of Serbian policemen and Albanian "collaborators" last November, after months of dark rumours and conspiracy theories. Its actions have not only radicalised the conflict with the Serbs, but have poisoned political debate among the Albanians whose leadership has traditionally pursued a policy of con-violence. Since the end of the war in

Bosnia, Western governments have been trying to use the threat of continuing sanctions against Serbia as a lever with which to exact concessions on Kosovo and a return to some kind of autonomy. But the paradox is that Mr Milosevic and his cronies cannot afford to cede ground since Kosovo is one of the only cards they have to play to avoid political

The Albanians, meanwhile, are trapped in a paradox of 📗 🎜 their own. Kosovo can have no future as an autonomous province without fruitful dialogue with Belgrade - for economic as well as political reasons. But no leader in the current climate is going to advocate dialogue.

Indeed, for the past six years the Albanians have been developing a parallel power structure, organising their own schools and hospitals and pretending that the Serbs - including a 45,000-strong police force - are not there at all.

Michelin Guide consecrates chef with a foot in two kitchens



Inflated figure: The tubby old Bibendum, good for 100 years By John Lichfield m Pans

IS IT it possible to cook, beautifully, in two kitchens at once? Yes, says the Michelin Guide. The little red bible of gastronomy broke, reluctantly, with 60 years of its own history yesterday and awarded two sets of three stars, its highest accolade, to one chef for two restaurants 600 miles apart.

Alain Ducasse, 41, acknowledged star of a new generation of cooks, became the first person to win six stars since the legendary "Mother" Brazier in the 1930s. His double consecration, for his restaurant in the 16th arrondissement in Paris and the Hotel Louis XV in Monte Carlo, is recognition by the guide of the managerial, super-star trend in haute cuisine. Yesterday Le Monde said the guide, after refusing to do so last year, had acknowledged that the future belonged to the "consultant chef", year the new slim-line Michelin man, or press my culinary philosophy".

the "designer" or food "conturier" travelling from kitchen to kitchen, Michelin had, in effect, abandoned the myth that the chef must be "both composer and pianist".

Not quite. The guide also gave three stars, for the first time, to two restaurants whose chefs still get their hands covered in flour. Pierre Gagnaire, who became the first chef to go bankrupt running a threestar restaurant three years ago, has regained three stars for his new place in Paris. The 33-year-old Pourcel twins, Jacques and Laurent, won three stars for their restaurant, Le Jardin des Sens, in Montpellier, bringing the number of three-star restaurants in France to 21, the highest total yet.

"We started in 1988 without a penny. For a few months we even did the washing up," said Jacques Pourcel, who becomes with his brother, the youngest three-star chef. The Michelin Guide, featuring this

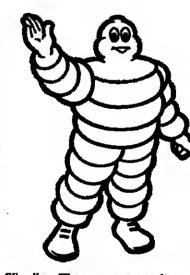
Bibendum, on his 100th anniversary, is France's most feared gastronomic publication. It refuses to discuss or explain its judgements, shaped by reader recommendations and the findings of its 80 shadowy inspectors.

There is, inevitably, something of the food-political about its pronouncements. Apart from official consecration of the peripatetic, couturier-chef, the significant development this year is the equal honours given to the stars of the classical, wonderful-sauce-with-everything French approach and more adventurous, or heretical, chefs, like Mr Gagnaire, open to foreign influences and ingredients. He lost face and fortune when his restaurant in St Etienne went into liquidation in 1995. Yesterday he said he had "lost everything, been driven from my home town, suffered insults and ironies. but managed to start all over again to ex-

As Le Monde pointed out, the influence of traditional French cuisme is in "retreat" all over the world. Terence Conran, the British furniture and restaurant magnate, plans to confront France on its home turf by opening a restaurant in Paris this year.

In reply to these challenges the guide has endorsed two separate approaches, usually seen as incompatible. By re-honouring Mr Gagnaire, the Michelin is endorsing a more open "globalist" cooking style. By doubly consecrating Mr Ducasse it has freed him, Le Monde predicts, to export his talents to America and elsewhere to re-establish the reputation of the classically French tradition.

If none of that means anything to you. or you see no reason to spend £100 on a single meal, the guide is still worth huving or borrowing. It contains 458 restaurants in the bib gourmand category, where you can eat good regional food from £7 a head. symbol wheeled out by Michelin



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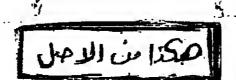
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Hardline Hindus close to poll victory in India

By Peter Popham in Delhi

SONIA GANDHI'S

30,000 mile campaign has saved her party, Congress, from disappearing down the electoral plughole, but the Hindu nationalist BJP and its allies have established themselves as the pre-eminent force in Indian

That is the tentative conclusion being drawn 12 hours tion which means it is certain

general election.

On present trends the BJP will, as in the election of 1996, emerge as the largest party but without an overall majority. In 1996, it formed the government but fell 13 days later for want of coalition partners.

This time it has struck unprincipled but clever deals with some regional parties, and has manifested a new determinaafter counting began yesterday to fight harder to hang on to

predict that Atal Behari Vaipayee, the BJP's 72-year-old member for Lucknow, who led the country during those 13 days in 1996, will be sworn in for a second term as prime min-

ister in the next couple of days.

If the BIP either defies predictions and wins outright or succeeds in putting together a stable coalition government, the election of 1998 will turn out to have been a watershed. Hin-du nationalists have been

around for a century, and the BJP has always been anathema formidable political force since the 1980s.

If they can now form a stable government they will have a chance to demonstrate that they have the discipline and coherence to replace Congress as India's natural party of gov-

As "secularism" was one of the most important pillars of independent India, the Hindutva, or "cultural nationalism", of the

BJP has been an increasingly to the Indian establishment, threatening to split the nation into mutually antagonistic tribes. That fear remains.

As one BJP enthusiast put it artiessly yesterday: "It's time the real Indians were given an advantage over the foreigners here" - meaning not only 150 million Muslims but large and ancient minorities of Sikhs,

Parsis and Christians, too. The high-water mark of rampant "cultural nationalism"

was in 1992, when BJP leaders were keenly involved in the demolition of a mosque at Ayodhya in Uttar Pradesh which stood on a sacred Hindu site.

Since then, however, and especially in the present campaign, they have moderated their language and aims, striking alliances with Sikhs, Tamils and old-fashioned Socialists. Their primary constituency has been disaffected, high-caste Hindus, particularly Brahmins, in the countryside, and small

shopkeepers and other members of the lower middle class in the cities. But as their claim to power

grows in plausibility, more and more liberals and upper middle class voters have been tempted to give them a chance.

Five years of a stable BJP government, it is argued, could hardly be worse than the chronic instability of the past nine years, which have seen only one government complete its five-



Sonia Gandhi: Went on the hustings to save Congress

Famine threat in N Korea

ROME (Reuters) - The UN World Food Programme said yesterday that it was looking into a warning by famine-hit North Korea that it could ruo out of grain within two weeks.

A spokesman for the Romebased aid agency said WFP had shipments of 98,000 tonnes of grain from January to March for the 4.7 million people it has targeted. However, that leaves another 19 million North Koreans who could go hungry if Pyongyang's warning is true.

The official Korean Central News Agency earlier said that grain rations were cut in January and February hut this had not stopped a drain on supplies. North Korea has been hit in the past two years by floods and droughts which have devastated the countryside, leading to reports of widespread deaths from starvatioo and large-scale emergency food relief from overseas.

A spokesman for North Korea's Flood Damage Rehabilitation Committee said that at the start of the year, North Korea's total stock of grain was 167,000 tonnes for its 22 million people. "With this stock, 300 grams were distributed to each person on a daily average in January and 200 grams in February. Even if 100 grams are distributed in March, the stock will run out in mid-March."



s on a sofa during a pro album the former material girl softens her image and expresses herself as a retro 'Candy Perfume Girl'

Students protest as US envoy meets Suharto

JAKARTA, Iodoocsia (AP) - Dozens of riot police were deployed when about 600 college students staged a noisy but peaceful protest against the government yesterday.

The protest was staged as farmer US vice-president Walter Mondale arrived for talks with President Subarto over Indonesia's economic crisis. Mr Mondale, who is acting as a special envoy of President Clinton, is expected in urge Mr Subartn to stick with sweeping reforms promised under a \$43bo (£27m) IMF package. In Washington, Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin denied Mr Mondale was sent to Indonesia to ask Mr Suharto to quit.

Vatican inquiry into abuse

VIENNA, Austria (AP) - The Vatican yesterday launched an investigation into allegations that the former Archbishop of Vienna, Cardinal Hans Hermann Groer, sexually molested young boys. The affair has threatened to split Austria's Catholic Church, and last Friday Austria's bishops issued a statement saying the allegations were essentially true. Green was removed from his post in 1995.

Australia in weapons move

CANBERRA (Reuters) - Australia said vesterday it planned to draft a global treaty which would force nations to get rid of hiological weapons. Foreign minister Alexander Downer said Iraq's violation of hiological weapons conventions highlighted the need for an effective system to detect and take action oo breaches. Australia's former ambassador to the UN, Richard Butler, is in charge of the weapons inspection operation in Iraq.

Cat comes off the menu

HANOI (Reuters) — The Vietnamese authorities said yesterday that they were ordering cat-meat restaurants to close and outlawing exports of cats to China because of growing problems with rats. Officials said bumper harvests meant the rodent population was booming, and that people should switch to eating rat instead of cat or snake. In Vietnam, cat and snake - both rat predators - are considered delicacies.

Welcome to the wheelclamps

HE wheelclamp has finally reached Pekingand about time too. The hope is that this will put the brakes on the more dastardly tactics used by the traffic

police.

Last June, for instance, the Independent's modest runaround disappeared from outside one of the city's big botels. Pavement hawkers quickly confirmed that a police pickup had made off with the car. But how to find it? There was on phone oumber to call, and no central depot. So there was no alternative to touring the city, from one police car pound to another, hoping to spot the vehicle. Four hours later, the car turned up dumped by the police in the car park of a four-star hotel.

An even more fiendisb strategy was introduced late last year, probably because the gridlocked city streets were becoming increasingly tiresome for police pick-up trucks. Returning to the car, laden with shopping, ooe found the windscreeo plastered with stuck-on notices. These informed the hapless car-owner that the traffic police had removed the front and rear number plates, which were being held for ransom at some

distant office. So the wheelclamp is to be welcomed. At least they have to come to you from now on. According to the Peking Traffic Control Bureau, however,

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PEKING DIARY vision, the effect is the best,"

phase because of unspecified minor mechanical flaws in its potion speeds up the circuladesign". For the time being, tion and opens the capillaries,

one's wallet and extracting large numbers of used notes. INTER lays low some point with a bout of flu. So I was fortunate to receive a visit recently from Zhao Yong, a geologist from the State Seismological Bureau, who has turned his attentions to curing the commoo cold. He and his doctor wife have invented a contraption which, they claim, can sort out sore throats, runny noses, and

feverish headaches. The new machine is basically a plug-in red baseball cap. One puts it on, plugs it into the mains, and a thermoelectric ceramic plate embedded in the top of the cap starts to warm up. Under this has been placed

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a sponge soaked in a pungent potion, a sweet-smelling liquid of ledebouriella root, upleurum root, honeysuckle flower, and forsythia fruit. One then sits backs and gently cooks the top of one's head for up to an hour. "When you watch tele-

said Mr Zhao. According to Chinese medicine, a cold is caused by an "exopathogenic wind" getting into one'a body. "Because it is light, it travels up and gathers in your head," said Mr Zhao. Heating up the head with the

had no one thought of this before? "That's a very good question," said Mr Zhao. With the development of science and technology, people tend to worship medicine and injections. Maybe our cap looks simple, but the components are not simple at all." The cap is now on offer for £15 in at least one department store, but sales are disappointing. I suggest that the secret to commercial success might be as a baldness cure. Yes, it stimulates the circulation in the scalp, so can help the hair grow," said Mr Zhao.

so that the "wind" can escape.

If it was this simple, why

TO ONE ever said journalism in an authoritarian, one-party. media-controlled country would be easy. But it is at least becoming increasingly profitable. The British Conneil recently organised a press conference to publicise the arrival in Peking this week of the National Theatre which is staging Othello as part of the "Britain in China" year. It is all part of the warming relations between

London and Peking. The Independent's Chinese assistant duly turned up for the briefing, in the company of about 20 journalists from local publications.

A press kit was handed out, with fulsome details about the theatre company and the play. But the best going-home present was oot revealed until the eod when the journalists were each handed a white envelope. A theatre ticket, wondered my assistant? Even better. A crisp 100 yuan (£8) nnte - not to be sniffed at in a city where the average weekly wage is little more than that.

Inquiries were made to the British Embassy as to whether this was British taxpayers' money being used to buy favourable coverage of Othello in the local press. Absolutely oot, was the reply. The press conference had been jointly arranged by the China Performing Arts Agency, and it had secretly organised the bungs for Chinese hacks. Such pay-offs are routine nowadays within the Chinese media, but are rarely offered to foreign journalists. So when the office is strapped for cash, one's Chinese assistant is duly dispatched to do the rounds.

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Russia rejects use of force in Iraq deal

By David Usborne in New York

BRITAIN found itself deep in diplomatic mud at the United Nations last night as Russia and other countries raised objections to a Security Council resolution aimed at strengthening the weapons inspections deal brokered a week ago by Secretary General Kofi Annan with Iraq.

Continued deadlock in the Council could have serious consequences for Britain and the United States in any future confrontations with Iraq. Work was continuing on a draft text last night, and some diplomats held out the hope that a resolution could be adopted today.

As drafted by Britain, with clear encouragement from the US, initial versions of the resolution were designed to impart new solidity to Mr Annan's agreement. This promises UN inspectors access to eight presidential sites in Iraq so long as they are chaperoned by diplomats, More importantly, Lon-

don and Washington are seeking a resolution that would be
a stage-setter for instant military retaliation should Saddam
Hussein violate the Annan
agreement. In that regard, however, their shared enthusiasm
for a resolution may now be
about to backfire.

When Mr Annan departed for Iraq, Washington calculated that whether or not it succeeded, his mission would make any future military strikes against Baghdad easier to justify. Judging by events in the Security Council, the opposite may turn out to be true.

With Russia in the lead, several Council members were still attempting last night to insert wording that would make it clear no action could be taken to punish Iraq for violating the Annan agreement without additional consultations occurring first in the Council. It was not certain yesterday whether Washington could accept that military action be preceded by Council deliberations.



Death wail: A woman mourns the child of a relative at a funeral held for 43 children in Baghdad yesterday. The Iraqi authorities blame the deaths of a shortage of medicine and food caused by UN sanctions Photograph: Yannis Behrakis

US dreams of ways to get rid of Saddam

By Patrick Cockburn in Amman

THERE were several hundred of them and they were terrified. They were soldiers and civilians belonging to the CIA-backed Iraqi National Congress, the umbrella group for the Iraqi opposition, and they were preparing to run for their lives after 120 members of their organisation were slaughtered when Saddam Hussein launched a surprise attack into the previously safe haven of Kurdistan 18 months ngo.

I did not quite realise I was watching the debacle of the most ambitious and ultimately disastrous attempt to overthrow the Iraqi leader. It involved the CIA and other foreign intelligence services trying to use Kurdistan to launch a resistance war against Baghdad while supporting a military conspiracy against Saddam Hussein. Both failed dismally with the death of at least 300 Iraqis involved.

Now it may happen again. From all over the US Congress come voices calling for Bill Clinton to try to oust the Iraqi government. Senator Bob Kerrey, vice chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee. says: "I would first of all speak to the 22 million Iraqis who have been terrorised by this dictator and say: 'We are going to liberate you.'' Senator John McCain, a Republican on the Armed Services Committee, said: "I would say it's our goal to remove him from power because, as long as he's there, we're facing this enormous

Few of the bellicose Senators who want to oust Saddam Hussein seem aware the US made a big effort to do just that in 1994-96 with disastrous results. It is a superficially attractive idea. Somehow the belief has never died in the West that the Arab world sees frequent mil-

itary coups. But the era of successful military conspiracies was the Fifties and Sixties. In the last quarter-century few have succeeded. Security services are too pervasive. Military filtes are too comfortable or frightened to take the risk.

frightened to take the risk.

This is true above all of fraq.
If there is one political art Saddam Hussein has mastered it is his own survival. A savage system of tribal checks and balances prevents anybody accumulating enough power to launch a successful conspiracy.

Almost all have been crushed before a single tank rolled.

The outcome of the latest crisis makes it far more difficult for any foreign backed resistance to get off the ground. The Iraqis and the Arabs see the agreement brokered by the UN as a victory for Saddam. They believe it is a sign US resolve to overthrow him is full of doubts. For instance, the US has always made it clear it wants a coup, not an insurrection. It does not want Iraq to break up.

The CIA knew the difficulty of their task when President Bush first directed them to get rid of the Iraq regime. But with Iraq having replaced the Soviet Union as the Americans' chief demon the agency was in no position to say no. Its failure to accomplish anything attracted little publicity in the US.

There is a measure of absurdity in the projects put forward in Washington. Paul Wolfowitz, former senior State Department official, says mutinous detachments of the Iraqi army should be invited to march to safe havens in Kurdistan or the marshes of southern Iraq. In fact, the Kurdish mountains have been unsafe for Saddam's were slaughtered or fled in 1996. There never were safe havens in the south. All defecting Iraqi soldiers would find to survive in the swamp

Iran calls for more EU links

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) - The Iranian President, Mohammad Khatami, yesterday called for better ties with Italy, saying relations should be based on "respect and mutual understanding",

Iranian radio reported.

During a meeting with the Italian Foreign Minister Lamberto Dini. President Khatami expressed regret that years of animosity with the West have deprived Iran of the opportunity to better understand that part of the world.

"We would like to join hands and enter a century in which human ties are based on respect and mutual understanding," he said.

Mr Dini, who began his visit at the weekend, is the first Western cabinet official to travel to Iran since the European Union lifted is ban last week on high-level visits. EU foreign ministers said several encouraging developments in Iran, including the election in May of Mr Khatami, required a positive response toward the country.

The new EU position differs sharply from United States policy, which sees Iran as a rogue state that must be isolated. US sanctions ban large investments in Iran by any country.

Nigeria to escape sanctions

By Rupert Cornwell

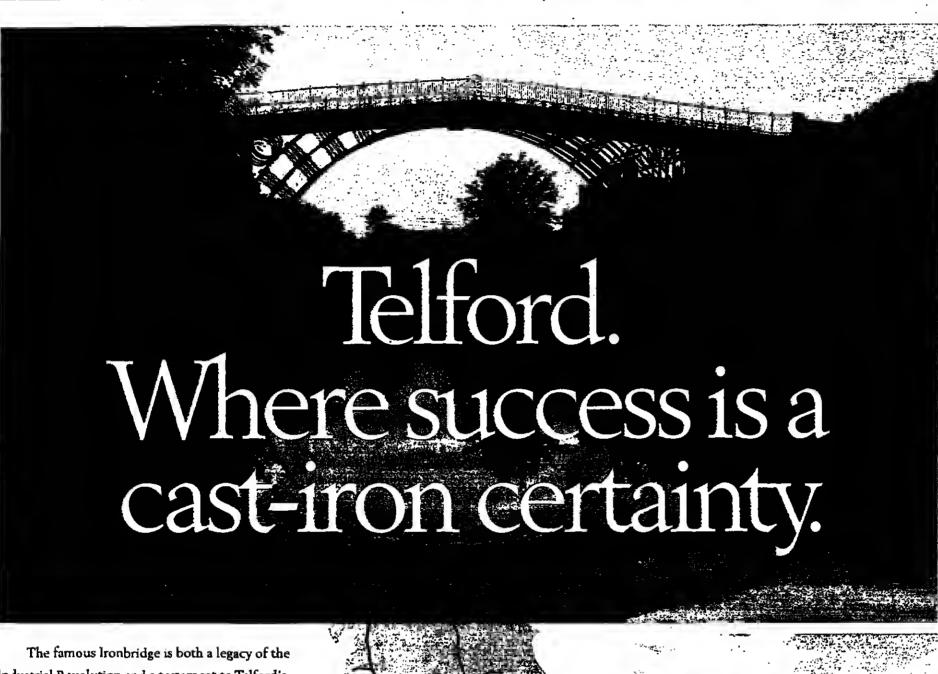
NIGERIA is again likely to escape the imposition of sanctions by fellow Commonwealth states in response to human rights abuses by the regime in Lagos.

The Commonwealth Ministerial Action Group (CMAG), meeting in London, will today ponder whether to convert Nigeria's suspension into full-scale expulsion and impose sanctions.

The latest deadline is October, the date by which the regime of General Sani Abacha has promised to restore democracy. In practice, the eight-natinn CMAG is split – between Botain and Canada who insist sanctions should have been imposed long ago, and members like Malaysia and Zimbabwe who feel the human rights weapon could one day be turned against them.

The most realistic outcome to be expected from the talks, British officials say, is agreement to send a team to Nigeria before the elections to spell out the Commonwealth's disapproval. Whatever the Commonwealth comes up with could be trumped by General Abacha, if he manages to line up all Nigeria's parties hehind him as single candidate for the October elections. In that case he would stay in power, claim a plebiscite to boot, and leave CMAG even more at a loss over what to do.





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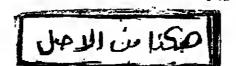
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Family man: Tom Robinson was famously homosexual, then changed his mind. He and Sue Brearley had a baby son in 1990

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Glad not to be gay

Coming out 'in reverse' provokes shock and anger in . the homosexual community, writes Vanessa Thorpe

STAFF at the gay men's magazine Attitude are preparing for an onslaught of calls from puzzled readers. The latest issue of the glossy, thrusting title has thrown down a challenge to the precepts of gay culture. On the first page is a discordant statement from the magazine's erstwhile acting editor, Ian Tucker. "I just woke up one morning," be writes, "and realised I was straight as a pussy.

Now this is the kind of sudden proclamation of proud heterosexuality which raises a lot of eyebrows in the gay world. "We can see, even from the reaction so far, that people are intrigued by what Ian wrote and what they thought he was saying," says Adam Matiera, the man now temporarily at the helm of the magazine. "For some gay men, when they hear someone whom they imagined was part of the gay scene saying they are not homosexual, it shocks them."

Ideally, he stresses, no one should ever be "chided" for what they are. "But it does happen sometimes, perhaps because the gay community is a hit closed and incestuous."

The impact of Mr Tucker's backwards version of publicly coming out, set as it is within the pages of the publication dedicated to gay culture, is revealing. Nut for him the cry of "hravo" that

greets a gay outing. Cold lips and sneers from his gay contemporaries are more likely, especially if they are the kind of men who still contemptuously refer to heterosexuals as "breeders".

Ever since the fairly recent introduction of the idea of the modera homesexual, such a person has been defined by his rejection of marriage and of sex with women, says Mark Simpson, the controversial editor of Anti-Gay, the 1996 collection of essays, and someone who has recently disowned the label "gay"...

Beyond the glamorous world of amorphous

of yourself," he says. "I don't really believe in sexual identities, although I think people find them socially useful."

Even within the conservative British estabnent sexuality is secretly mutable, he argu "Look at diffin prisons, in the armed services, or in the public schools that most judges have been to," be says. He goes on to quote the old naval rubric, "It is never queer unless you are tied to the pier," which means that gay acts car-

ried out while at sea do not "count". Like other formerly gay men and women,

'Men may turn to women, frankly, because those relationships stand a better chance. If you want something stable and nurturing, then everything points to making a woman the centre of your life'

sexuality peopled by rock stars like David Bowie Mark Simpson's own rejection of the term has and even Tom Robinson, the question of who you sleep with is still a crucial part of how people view you, Simpson complains. He feels he no longer wants to play by such strict rules. Everything is defined too negatively, he says.

"Who you don't want to have sex with becomes the higgest part of how you are defined. If you become gay, you swap to defining your identity around not sleeping with women and you end up with just as much of a cartoonist's idea

sprung partly from the hope of finding family life. Men may turn to women, frankly, because those relationships stand a better chance. If you want something stable and nurturing then everything points to making a woman the centre of your life rather than a man."

Women who back away from the gay label often experience the same shock and distress from lesbian friends. The criticisms is often worse when those involved view lesbianism as a polit-

ical stance. Anyone who starts to see a man is potentially a traitor. Theresa Flynn, a 30-yearold HIV counsellor, has suffered in this way. She went out with a woman for six years and is now looking for a relations with a man. I start ed to realise I wasn't finding any women at parties that I was attracted to," she says. "I started to think about men and their more muscular, hig-

Theresa did nothing for a year and then confided in a straight friend who unfortunately blurted it out. "I was upset. It had all come out back to front and my gay friends were confused because they had met me as a lesbian and never questioned it. One of them hurt me by saying she saw me in a completely different way now and would not feel so easy talking to me."

Theresa realised she had expected lesbians to be more accepting of changing sexuality. "I felt I was being pushed out of a group," she recalls. "I was very linked into the lesbian and gay scene and suddenly I had no one to go out with."

The embattled nature of life for male and female gays will mean for some time that a decision to come out publicly deserves to be applauded. Channel 4, for example, plans to dedicate an entire evening of programming on 25 April to a celebration of the act of coming out. The centrepiece of the schedule will be the first terrestrial screening in Britain of the famous Coming Out" episode of Ellen, the American sitcom. Such festivities may well be justified, but meanwhile those who come out in reverse feel there is nobody with whom to mark their own commitment to a new-found identity.

It all adds up to a culture of coupons

under the name of Willcox. The caller to the cosy aterman's restaurant in Nailsworth, Gioucestershire, explained that the party would be taking advantage of special money-off vouchers from a national newspaper which meant their dinner would cost only £5 a head.

· So imagine the surprise of the restaurant's staff when the "Willcoxes" turned out to be the Princess Royal and her husband, Captain Timothy

The couple, who brought with them the requisite two tokens but had not filled in their name and address "for security reasons", treated their friends to curried parsnip soup followed by a choice between venison sausages or a fish dish. Had they chosen from the standard menu, £5 would have bought each diner a starter or a third of a main course.

The story, reported at the weekend, allows us a fascinating glimpse of life behind the closed doors of Gatcombe Park: Princess Anne eagerly scours her morning paper, scissors in

She spots a coupon. Two for the price of one on Eurostar! Snip, snip, And what's

THE table was booked for six me on an almost monthly basis to explain about all the different discount schemes and offers I've been missing out on. Naturally I agree to anything that's uffered to me which might save me money, and I've agreed to so many different things in the past year that I now have no idea what I've agreed in.

I'm a member of Friends & Pamily, and I think I might even be a member of something called Friends & Family Plus, although it's possible I imagined that.

I have a feeling I've also gnt something called Premier Line, but I've no idea what it's for. I think it means I can pay my hill over the phone, but I've never tried to

And then there are my Barclaycard Profile Points. Every month my statement tells me how many mure points I've carned and what my running total is. I also have a glossy brochure showing me all the fabulous gifts I can get by cashing in my points. I've worked out that I get roughly a penny of gift value for every pound I spend, but this doesn't prevent me from feeling an avaricious tingle uf anticipation every time I flash my

Will I ever cash my points

TIM HULSE

this? A cut-price flight to Ireland! Snip, snip. And what about this? Ten pence off a packet of Persil! Snip, snip. And so on.

And wby not? It may well be the case that the combined income of the Princess Royal and her husband is £273,000. episode shows is that just like and the News of the World the rest of us, the Princess can't resist a bargain.

I know I can't. Nestling in my kitchen at home is a rather nice cafetiere which I obtained by collecting coupons from packets of Silk Cut. For many years I'd managed to live without the benefit of a cafetiere, indeed had lived quite happily without one, give or take the odd unfortunate dinner party moment involving a real coffee

But as soon as I saw I could have one for free, a cafetiere suddenly became a necessity. The fact that I've barely used it in the three years it's been in my possession hasn't diminished in any way my satisfaction in own-

And then there's British Telecom. A friendly BT salesperson who can't pronounce my surname properly rings in? Probably not. Perhaps the only surprising thing about the Princess Anne story is that she actually used bor tokens. Most of us clip our coupons and collect our points but nine times out of 10 we never bother to do anything with them.

every day for about a month. religiously cutting out my tokens for free air tickets. Then when I'd collected them. I looked at the small print and it seemed a bit complicated, so I threw them

But Princess Anne is made of sterner stuff. They say the Royal Family should be setting an example, and in this instance she has undoubtedly been a model to us all. To my mind, she's right up there with Phil Calcott, the man who discovered last January that by buying 942hs of bananas at his local Tesco he could make a profit of £25,12 on his Clubcard. Now there was a man who was really prepared to work for a

Me, I've got a Tesco Clubcard too, and I'm fully aware of all its benefits. It's just that I've never bothered to use it.

It was like molten gold: a wave of perfect love swept through me

REVELATIONS: SAMANTHA BOND

The time: 1991 The place: West Middlesex Hospital The person: Samantha Bond,

GIVING birth to my child was excessively painful. I just went into une major contraction so the labour was incredibly fast - just an bour and haiff I can remember lying on the bed and feeling that my spine was slawly being pulled apart. All I could picture was myself as a small child peeling away the bark of small sapling and finding the white pure wood in the middle; that's the image I had of what the pain was doing to my body. There was no time for any drugs to help me and although I attended the classes and knew how to do breathing exercises, they rely on contractions coming and going. So I was on my own and screamed a lot. I was very, very frightened - I didn't believe that I could live through that

my heart to stop. My husband was wonderfully reassuring and comforting, but because I was so afraid, his main job was to keep my souses alort.

When I talk to friends about to have babies who are terrified of words like episiotomy, I tell them they just won't care. If someone had said to me, "We're going to take you leg off," I would have shouted back: "FINE, CHOP IT OFF - JUST STOP THE PAIN!" But afterwards none of it mattered because I had reached the other side and held this beautiful child.

I remember the midwife announcing that the baby had arrived - "It's a Molly." I was vheeled upstairs and my hushand went off to make all the phone calls. There was something magical about the ward; all the lights were dimmed. I remember looking at this angelically beautiful face, she was one of the most beautiful things I

level of agony. I was expecting had ever seen. She had been placed in this plastic crib beside me and I just lay there staring at her. At about 5am, I had a sensation which was like somebody had poured molten gold into my body. It started at my feet and this wave of the most pure and perfect love swept up through me. By the time it got to my head I was crying and this was all for this little thing I didn't even know. The passion was huge and violent and that feeling has never ever gone away. I'm constantly astounded at the size of the emotion I feel for my children. Before Molly was born, my

stage fright was getting appalling. When I got on stage 1 would have a rush of adrenaline, everybody gets it. Normally after the first night it becomes more controllable and as long as I could ride the wave I was still in charge. Gradually the fear stopped working for me and was replaced by a huge, cold, stark white terror. Eigh-



teen months after finishing my last stage work, I was still having recurring nightmares that somebody was going to make me do it again. My fear had completely overwhelmed me.

one of my greatest dreams but the miracle was that my stage fright had disappeared. Suddenly the terror was replaced by a rush of excitement. Becoming a mother had, of l went to play Rosalind in As You Like It for the RSC just 11 course, given me in a sense of weeks after Molly was born. proportion - but in a deeper

Going to up Stratford had been

way, that gruelling labour had told my psyche that to feel so strongly about something as relatively unimportant as a stage

appearance was ridiculous. After my great wave of love for Molly, I often found myself crying over articles in the newspaper - before I would have just felt distressed. For my work, this is a bonus because as an actor I believe that emotions are my palette to pull up depending on what the role requires. I found all of my feelings were much more accessible; what is also incredible is that motherhood's crescendo of emotions never goes away or calms down.

Later in that season I played a mother, Hermione in The Winter's Tale, although I'd played them before, I am certain that performance was vastly informed by my personal experience. I knew the colossal love and what it must be like when somebody walks in and says: "Your son is dead." There is now a much more vulnerable side to me and my acting than

there ever was before, My children have helped me discover new bits of myself. I so tightly for him, being there

be for other people or how frightened for them, or how possessive. If anybody threatens my children I feel like a lioness. Molly was being bullied

didn't know how strong I could

at school and the strength of my response to that situation was awesome. When my son Tom was three, he had appendicitis; it was very nearly peritonitis so he was in a lot of danger. We rushed him to hospital where they would cut him open. I would almost rather have performed the surgery myself than allow somebody else to do that to my child. It was the most strange feeling. I was in hospital with him for three of four days sleeping on a little bed beside him. All the time I was there, I didn't cry once. It was like what I imagine it must be like to be on speed: I was ultra alert, all my senses were functioning at 200 per cent. The staff were wonderful but finally we got him home and I put him in his own bed. I sat down and had a glass of wine to relea. I woke up a 3am and was violently sick. It must have been holding on for his every waking moment that when I could finally let gn everything came out in a rush. I'm amazed that David

Hare, a man, could have written Amy's View, this incredible play about the relationship between a mother and a daughter, and in particular how a muther's protectiveness can become interfering. At the end of Act Three, my character, Amy, says: "I knew what I was doing, I went in with my eyes open and it was my choice. I'm an adult and I'm allowed to make that choice." I think one of the most important things I can give my children is the right to be themselves. It is terribly hard and I will always want to be there guarding them. I get jittery at the thought of Molly even walking to school on her own. But one of the advantages of being an actor is that I'm good at disguises, so 1'll follow them around until they're 27 they'll never spot me.

Interview by Andrew G Marsholl

'Arry's View' is at the Aldwych

Out on a limb: the pain of Raynaud's

CURIOUSER and curiouser, asserting themselves more." I remember thinking, as I sat she says. outside a puh in Dorset on a gloriously hot August afternoon, watching my left hand first specialist whom I saw turn first white, then blue, then

a livid shade of purple. grew accustomed to these abrupt attacks of numbness. which were invariably followed by dramatic displays of colour. But it was not until six months later that I discovered what lay behind them: I had Raynaud's. a painful and potentially debilitating circulatory disorder.

highly sensitive to temperature changes, which cause spasms in the small ancries of the fingers and roes, cutting off blood supply to the extremities. Opening a fridge door, or picking up a cold drink - even in summertime - can be a sufficient trigger. With the tissues starved of blood, alcers develop which, in severe cases, can lead to gangrene and amputation.

Early diagnosis and treatment are important, particularly for patients for whom Ravnaud's is secondary to a rarer and more serious disease, seleroderma. Yet there is still a high degree of ignorance, according to the Raynaud's and Scieroderma Association, which has just launched a national campaign to raise awareness.

The campaign, accompanied by striking black and white posters featuring a pair of hands with icicles hanging off them, is partly aimed at determining the prevalence of Raynaud's. Some estimate that it affects about 10 million people - nine-tenths of them women - in Britain, albeit in a mild

form in most cases. Among GPs, according to Anne Mawdsley, director of the association, there is still some reluctance to take Raynaud's seriously. "Doctors are better than they were in the past, but mainly because patients are

My own experience, it seems, was fairly typical. The warned me that my fingers would drop off if I wasn't care-Over the next few weeks, t ful, but said that all he could prescribe was a warm pair of gloves. A year on, under the care of a team at the Royal Free Hospital in London, I know better. Conventional drugs - namely vasodilators, which widen the arteries - can help, as can certain

vitamins and supplements. Only the symptoms can be People with Raynaud's are treated, though. There is no cure for the condition, which is named after Maurice Raynaud. the French doctor who published a thesis about it in 1862. No cause has been identified either, although some believe that stress can be a factor.

Anne Mawdsley, who suffers from a particularly severe form of Raynaud's, described the pain that she experiences. "It's excruciating. It feels as if your fingers have been squeezed in a vice, or trapped in a car door. Picking up a milk bottle, or walking from one room to another, can be enough to shut the blood supply down."

For about 3,500 people in this country. Raynaud's is the first symptom of scieroderma, an auto-immune disease which affects the skin and internal organs, and can be fatal.

Warm hands are the often clusive goal for people with Raynaud's, hut gloves alone are not sufficient. The association stresses the importance of keeping the rest of the body warm, and of eating hot food, taking regular exercise and using heating aids, such as hand

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Dilemma for doctor at cusp of research

Jeremy Laurance talks to the man at the centre of the controversy over the MMR vaccine

"IF I AM wrong I will be a bad person because I will have raised this spectre. But I have to address the questions my patients put to me. My duty is to investigate their stories."

Dr Andrew Wakefield is a man under pressure. Last week he published research indicating a possible link between the MMR vaccination against measles, mumps and rubella and inflammatory bowel disease and autism. It is a finding that will have chimed with parents' deepest fears about the safety of exposing bahies' developing immune systems to potentially toxic drugs. But it also threatens to destabilise carefully nurtured vaccination programmes which are acknowledged to have saved millions of lives worldwide. That is a heavy responsibility, as Dr Wakefield knows. "I have thought about this every night for the last ten years. My children say Why do you do what you do, Daddy?' and I do not know what to say to them. It is a moral issue for

His story begins in Canada in the late 1980s, where he had been working as a transplant surgeon. He became dissatisfied with chopping out pieces of diseased bowel and wanted to know what triggered the disease process in the first place. One freezing night, drinking a pint of Guinness in a har, he had an inspiration. What if inflammatory bowel disease was not n bowel disease at all, caused by bacteria in the gut. hut a vascular disease caused by damage to the blood supply to the gut wall?

'in something of a crisis" and set to work at the Royal Free Hospital, north London, to test his hypothesis. With his close colleague, Professor Roy Pounder, who has stood by him throughout their decade-long association, he demonstrated that the blood supply was indeed broken down by an insidious destructive process. They published the first of a series of papers in The Lancet in 1989, although their theo-

ry remains controversial. The next question was what caused the blood vessels to hreak down. At the time there was a lot of interest in viruses in blood vessels. "I sat down with two volumes of a virology textbook and worked through it. I got to measles



Eye of the storm: The claims by Dr Wakefield (below) have chimed with parents' fears about exposing babies' to potentially toxic drugs

virus and it described how it have been reading an account of Crohn's disease [inflammatory bowel disorder]. It was very exciting."

That was in 1990 and the pair started looking for measles virus in bowel tissue taken from patients with Crohn's disease. They have been looking ever since. In a paper in 1994 they

claimed to have found it and said Crohn's disease was three times more common in people who had had measles vaccination. That study triggered a new rush of parents to Dr Wakefield's clinic claiming their children had developed symptoms of autism and bowel disorders shortly after MMR vaccination. The result was last week's paper.

Morality and science make gets into the gut, causing ulcers uneasy hedfellows. When Dr he refers to his duty to his pauents. "We get these parents ringing up every day. They say My child has autism and bowel problems and we believe they are linked'. You have to do something for them. These are the people to whom we are answerable."

> He admits this makes life difficult for public-health doctors whose corresponding duty is to care for populations, hut it can't be helped. His patients come first.

Dr Wakefield, a reader in experimental gastro-enterology, is not a crank. His research has been published in The Lancet, after being submilled to expert peer review. He has 12 co-authors on his latest paper and is regularly in-

vited to speak at international meetings on gastro-en-

Yet be has been vilified and his research has been attacked as flawed and inadequate. Even The Lancet was nervous about it, commissioning a highly sceptical commentary and deliberately omitting it

from its usual press release "to major political and commeravoid being alarmist," ac- cial interests. Think of smokcording to a spokeswoman.

The Government moved swiftly to reassure parents. while the research team, from the Royal Free Hospital, emphasised that they remained in favour of immunisation. One of Dr Wakefield's co-

authors confided last week that he would prefer to work on the link between bowel disease and autism and leave aside the emotive question of the link with MMR for the sake of a quieter life.

That remark drew a stinging response from Dr Wake-"If they are uncomfortable they should look for a quieter life else-

where. I can't do that." The history of scientific advance is littered with individuals who held out against

hugely outnumbered by those who believed they were on to something and whose hypotheses later died. Indeed, the British Medical Journal declared Dr Wakefield's hypothesis dead in a an editorial published only six weeks ago.

If he is right about MMR, vernments worldwide will have to rethink their vaccination policies, manufacturers will face a raft of compensation claims and hundreds of patients who have harboured suspicions about the safety of vaccinating young babies will feel vindicated.

If he is wrong, the consequences could be still more serious if vaccination rates fall and measles cases start to

Honestly officer, I've got auto-brewery syndrome



DR PHIL HAMMOND

DYSFUNCTIONAL Gut Syndrome - your questions answered.

What's that then? Irritable bowel syndrome with knobs on. In IBS you get pain, diarrhoea, constipation, wind, bloating and you might even pass some mucus...

Do you mind? I'm eating my breakfast. __ but never blood. The doctor either tells you you've tional Gut Syndrome (DGS)

got irritable bowel straight out or you get on the old treadmill of blood tests, stool samples, steel tubes up the tail end and perhaps even the odd barium

And then what happens? You're told all the lests are normal and you've got an irritable bowel. It's very common there are millions like you, it's very miserable but it's not going to kill you. Treating the mind helps for some (hypnotherapy, psychotherapy, relaxation etc) but most doctors go straight for the bowel (fibre for constipation, anti-spasmodic drugs for pain, codeine for severe diarrhoea). Alas, this rarely gives complete relief and many patients end up giving up all drugs, which isn't such a bad thing.

So they're just left to lump

Yes. Because it's not a sexy, life-threatening disease, you don't got money pouring in to find a cure. How about if you re-

launched it - with a new name? Well that's where Dysfunc-

comes in. DGS has been adopted by allergy specialists to describe not just irritable bowel more research needs to be syndrome, hut a condition done. However, severe sufferwhere patients can suffer symptoms all over the body (headaches, impaired memory, nasal discharge, skin rashes, fatigue, tissue swelling, joint and muscle pains, thrush and irritable hladder.) In nearly all sufferers, investigations turn up nothing and most struggle on. But enthusiasts such as Professor Jonathan Brostoff at the Allergy Clinic at Middlesex hospital have found that once levels are measured afterwards. identified, a considerable number can be helped with an elimination diet. It's called the Stone Age diet and it's based on the principle that if we ate what our cave-dwelling ancesthe legal drink-drive limit with-

out having touched a drop. It's tors did, our guts would be a lot healthier. So what is in our modern diets that does the damage?

For many, it seems that retime I'm stopped. fined sugars and carbohydrates are the culprits. These are gobhled up by yeast in the bowel, which grow like crazy, wiping out all the good bacteria and mucking up bowel function.

And what's the evidence? ter, who I met while filming Not conclusive and lots

ers of DGS have often had protracted courses of antibiotics in the past which are well known to kill good bacteria and promote yeast growth. Also, a Gut Fermentation Test has been developed, on the principle that if you have a lot of yeast me they're right? on board you do a lot of fermenting. Patients are given a 5g oral glucose load and their blood alcohol and aldehyde

What, so eating sugar can make these patients drunk? Perhaps not drunk, but a number have been found to have blood alcohol levels above

called the auto-hrewery syn-I must remember it next

But most of the evidence is anecdotal, A lot of patients who've tried the exclusion diet perhaps in conjunction with some anti-fungal drugs, swear by it. Marita Cook, a theatre sis-

Trust Me, I'm a Doctor, suffered from tiredness, aches and swelling of the face so severe that her mask couldn't hide it. Now she feels great.

Hang on. There are hundreds of books about the evil of yeast or Candida, all written by flaky people making outrageous claims - are you telling

Some of what they say might be right, but they undermine it with unsubstantiated sensationalism. As Prof Brostoff puts it "We each have 30 ft of gut so it's difficult to know what's happening mid-way down there but of the studies that have been done, if you put patients on the right diet, half of them will get

bener quickly." And what is the right diet? To kick out yeast, sugar and refined carbohydrate, you can only eat meat and fish, poultry and game (but not chicken). vegetables (hut not potato, tomato and soya) fruit (except citrus) and nuts (except peanuts). You can drink addilive free non-citrus fruit drinks,

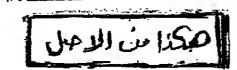
salt, pepper, herbs, olive or sunflower oil and rice. And for sweeteners, try honey, maple syrup, saccharine or aspartamine. You can kick of with two teaspoons of Epsom salts to get your bad diet out of the way.

What, no cereals, toast and yeast extract?

'Fraid not. And there are plenty of hidden pitfalls, cg preparing food for others or even licking stamps and envelopes can cause contamination. Smoking should be stopped too. Also, when you've been on the diet a while, some people use probiotics (eg live yoghurt) and prehiotics (specialised fibre (ood) from health food stores to encourage growth of good bacteria. These benefits are probable but not proven.

So not easy at all really? No. And hecause you'll need continuing support and encouragement and it has to be monitored closely to prove it works, it's best you try to be referred to a nutritionist or an al-

TEV specialist. The new series of Trust Me. I'm a Doctor starts tonight, Spm, herb and fruit teas. Also in are BBC2.



Art that falls between two stools Some might call Manage Tom Lubbook, once you accept

that his excrement is art, a gallery is perhaps the last place you should expect to find it

THIS is a curious business. The from the Linea series, sealed is a meaningless bluff. For it is sage. Step up, good people, become art. Oh. no you don't, Serpentine Gallery has just reopened, and it's looking at the cardboard tubes containing plainly true that Manzoni and become art. Oh, no you don't, opened, and it's looking pretty scrolls of paper on which Mangood. It's had a comprehensive strong or paper on which Manzoni had drawn lines of various art's tenets, and been much possible, if the original was too recovation, which leaves its lengths, never to be opened. axhibition space larger, lighter, more open-plan - leaves it, that is, as a more efficient version of in question some basic notions the all-white modern gailery it about the artwork. For example: All that happened was that was before, a better ideal home that it's a unique, permanent. for the modern art object. And physical, visible thing, a com-

alcoholic binge. Yet in the last six years of his life, he produced a body of work that puts him second only to Marcel Duchamp as an artist who revolutionised the nature of art. His influence on contemporary art, not least Young British Art, has been enormous, but his name hasn't had a lot of public recognition lately. In those terms a retrospective exhibition seems timely. On Manzoni's own terms, however, it can only look like an open contradiction.

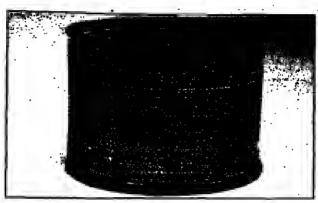
It's good to see a photo of the artist, to catch the spirit - in place of Duchamp's knowing, enigmatic smile, you see a chubby, mischievous grin. Look, for instance, at the photo of Manzoni in front of a lavatory, holding up a can of Merda d'artista - artist's shit. This was his most famous production, a series of 90 tins, each preserving 30 grams of his own stool, and priced by Manzoni at the same rate as 30 grams of gold (the price fluctu- dream: the dissolution of that ated daily with the markets).

humans as artworks, by signing them, or by issuing them with certificates. The critic and novurt for life; others got more temporary status. In Fiato d'artista

The mischief is clear. With what does it open with? A show modity with a market price, a vehicle for self-expression with The Italian artist died exactly a premium put on the artist's original handiwork. He challenged these notions by stretching them to the limit. (What is literal kind of "handiwork";

works like these, Manzoni put to the values of the art world. Manzoni's "questions", rather than achieving art's dissolu-

Performance art, conceptual has only extended the kinds of a thumbprint hut the most objects and activities that can count as art - new ways of doing



Manzoni's 'Merda d'artista No. 066', 1961

"self-expression"?) He pursued, special category of things tra-Or again, he designated ditionally called art. Odd then to find him celebrated in a one-man retrospective of precious, unique originals, in an ulist Umberto Eco was one who art gallery rebuilt the better to

got a chit making him a work of perform its traditional function. As the Serpentine's director, Julia Peyton-Jones, asks (rhetor-(artist's breath), he inflated ically): "How could a gallery preballoons, the shrunken remains sent such works as the Merda of which are shown here, as are d'artista without a self-con-

what are hreath or excrement the same old business. (I don't but the most literal forms of complain, the results of this extension have often been good.) in short, a hopeful anarchic As for his own works, they now seem to stand as relics of a highminded, historic failure, with gallery exhibition as the conclusive stamp of this failure.

This is felt most piquantly with Magic Base, a wooden pyramid structure with a flat top, on which are stuck a pair of shoe inple to stand on this plinth: they would thus - bey presto - briefly, But as it's exhibited here... well, some of the Uove con Impronte, sciousness that its very tenets are you can guess, can't you? It has more than wishful conjuring. hard-boiled eggs bearing the being questioned?" And I would a cordon round it. So the work artist's thumburint, and examples, answer this self-consciousness transmits a contradictory mes- cal" turns, have wet another est masterpieces. Seen like that, bossed in bronze classical let- ism. Praise to the Serpentine for Group and Selfridges & Co.

other artists have questioned keep back. It would have been praised for doing so, without it fragile or too expensive, to make making the slightest difference a practical replica. But that wouldn't do, would it? The way the value of the original art object remains undisturbed

couldn't be shown more clearly. But maybe the cordon tion, enlarged art's repertoire. should be seen as really part of the work, a conscious editorial art, body art: his legacy in the correction to it. It would be a past 30 years is great. But what way of saying: of course Man-was meant to burst art's limits zoni's "magic" doesn't work any more, we know better now; all these ideas about the dissolution of art, nice anarchic hopes at the time, but quite unrealistic, quite impossible.

Certainly he was attempting the impossible, for the blunt reason that artists cannot unilaterally revolutionise the nature of art. The art world, and the world generally, have to agree. And it's hard to imagine, say, the present world agreeing not to trade in anything that's sellable. Today 30 grams of gold costs about £200; rather less, presumably, than the amount a can of Merda d'artista would fetch under the hammer. (Splat! That auction is a sight I'd like to see.) Meanwhile, the distinction between what's art and what's not is as rigid as ever. Manzoni's certificates are collectables, but no collector has tried, so far as I know, to purchase Umberto Eco. Perhaps Manzoni was aware

of the impossibility. The "magical" dimension of his work turning a person or a pocket of breath into art, turning shit into gold - seems ambiguous. It exposes the old idea of the great artist's transforming, value-cresoles. Manzoni would invite peo- ating touch. Yet this critical gesture also returns fronically on to Manzoni himself: a hint that themselves, become artworks. his whole attempt to break the boundaries of art was itself no

But then Manzoni's "magi-

quirky:

Dray's

Jump,

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Piero Manzoni signs his 'Living Work of Art', at the Studio Filmgiornale Sedi, Milan, in 1961

Our breath, our shit, our bod- work in particular. ies, our most basic marks-these

side: not critical or ironic, but Manzoni's work itself stays well tering - upside-down. And, exhibiting it. In a few square feet performing an act of simple within the confines of art, tries with that inversion, gravity is repraise for the world and the to change nothing, offers only human. It's the most lasting and a vision, an elevating vision attractive aspect of his work. that radiates here from one at our feet is the planet's own

nour we have given to the great- one side of which the title is em- It's a noble emblem of human-

versed and the world itself turned upside-down. This block pedestal, and for a moment we Socie du Monde (world stand towards the whole earth Kensington Gardens, London things are worthy of all the ho-plinth) is a large iron cuboid, on both in awe and as its makers. W2 (0171-402 6075). Sponsored

it does what a certain dome, now under construction, can only dream of doing,

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Triumph of technicality

Tricks of the trade dominate the Royal Photographic Society's 141st annual show, says Phil Johnson

GYPSIES: breasts made to look like Iron Age hill-forts or desert tandscapes; nude pensioners; more gypsies; practitioners of age old trades ("Whittler, Northingion Woods" by Michael Clement); tricksy conversation pieces: heach huts; gypsies again. The RPS Annual has been going a long time - this is the 141st show - and, like the Reyal Academy's Summer Exhibition, it's a reliable barometer of what might be taken to represent the contemporary picturesque. And now we know why gypsies keep moving around. It's mainly to escape all these intrusive photographers. It's an open competition

and, with nearly 1,800 images to chasse from for a final showing ol 90 or so, the job of the selectors is clearly a difficult one, but even the judges display some qualms about the quality of the entrants.

John Easterby, the editor of the Independent Photographers Group, writes in the catalogue: "There was a mind-boggling range of technical skills on display. However, with no pictures of news events, social comment, attempts to address a single humanitarian issue, no reportage, fashion or sports photography to speak of, I was left with the impression that here was a case of technical inventiveness triumphing over content. I really do wonder why many of these pictures conversation piece.

were taken." the prints are impressive.

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The winning entrant is "Die Trauerfeier" by Herbert Sternberger from Germany, which shows three couples dancing around a coffin while a woman plays the piano and a child does a headstand in the background. It's impressively odd, if ultimately, perhaps, yet another

Of the British photographers From a technical standpoint, selected, Benjamin Dray's

the odd bit of digital retouch- the frame, is nicely quirky, but dling with the light meter and the overall impression in the gypsies remain stuhbornly show is of tricks of the trade mixed with rather obviously set-up shots, like a cross between Cartier Bresson and

> Here's Richard Branson wearing a pair of wings, like an out-take from an album promoshoot, or Matt Partridge's "Outdoor Laundrette", where a yard full of pallets carrying washing machines becomes the scene for naked man sticks his kit into a washer, and one thinks of all the

aperture. And was it worth h? Bluntly, no.

Better by far to stick to those plucky gypsics, as in James Lampard's "Gypsy Family, Appleby", another prizewinner. It's the very devil to get them to stay still long enough to complete the shot, but like Augustus John at the RA 80 years ago, you know you're on

a bit of cheeky business. A The Royal Photographic Society Annual International Print Exhibition continues at the Octagon Galleries in Milsom Street. Bath. until 22 March.

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Sex pests mean bad managers

THEY JUST don't get it. Those lawyers, police officers, naval commanders. They may not like it, but women are a fixture in the modern workplace. They are not going to disappear back to domestic servitude. The rhythms of their lives are going to have to be accommodated in the places where we work. But why is it necessary to use the future tense? Women did not arrive in previously all-male environments yesterday. Their coming had been presaged for years. Those senior lawyers, soldiers and police officers have had a long time to prepare. And they refused. It's one thing that so few women are getting through the ranks to replace them as commanding officers, judges and the like. It's quite another damning indictment that so many women still suffer daily from the unwelcome sexual attentions of the men they work with, including their bosses.

Sexual attraction happens in the workplace; but is not and never can be an excuse for abuse of power. If men are allowed to get away with it, that speaks of a massive failure of managerial process. Sexual harassment is an organisational pathology which affects shareholders, customers and the wider efficiency of the economic system. With each passing year, women will be making an ever greater contribution to gross national product, as well as taking a growing part in provision of such hard-to-measure services as defence and policing. Their contribution would be all the greater if the places they worked, in the private and public sectors, were well managed.

Good management hegins with the strict enforcement of norms of courteous conduct and mutual respect. It does not condone a groping hand up a woman's skirt. let alone a pig-headed refusal to countenance women's movement up the promotion ladder. To victimise women who dare to complain of their treatment is even worse. That men and women working together will form attachments - "have relationships" in the clotted phrase of the age - is a truism. And irrelevant. Any manager who cannot distinguish assent from oppression and provide avenues for complaint is not worth

Yesterday Christopher Sutton-Mattocks stood down from the bench. several days after the Bar Council found him guilty of sexually harassing two pupils in his barrister's chambers. He may appeal. Judges, even parttimers, must be like Caesar's wife. And that is not for their own self-respect as practitioners of the law but for the sake of the legal system. Someone who cannot tell when his attentions are unwelcome can hardly be credited with forensic skill. let alone the sensitivity and imagination to conduct a court case. That firm statement by the Lord Chancellor's office against sexual harassment by judges is welcome.

Sadly the Sutton-Mattocks' case is not an isolated example of that special abuse of trust which occurs when a senior, a leader who may assess a subordinate's performance, uses his position in order to seek favours. This is managerial turpitude.

Yet it is with managers - partners in the case of accountants and lawyers - that the buck stops. There is no point hoping for some miraculous transformation of general attitudes in the workplace at large. Awareness training for employees only goes so far. Ultimately, harassment and the mistreatment of female colleagues, let alone women in junior positions, is a matter of managerial effectiveness. In public sector organisations there is no excuse. Police, fire-service, defence, local government, Whitehall: all are supposed to have been reformed. This kind of managerial failure implies that the much-vaunted innovations of recent years, supposedly soon to be celebrated in a Better Government White Paper, have oot gone far enough. If police officers and other officials can treat women badly in the office or

on the beat, what price fair policing and even-handed public service? As for the private sector, clearly some managers (such as Mr Sutton-Mattocks) are all ton ready to behave like "one of the boys". Customer pressure (from the clients of legal practices, for example) is a blunt instrument. there may thus he no alternative except a succession of hrave women to speak up and hear the indignities and often the financial costs of taking action in industrial tribunals or using the creaky mechanisms of profes-

Mean city streets to let



KIRKLEES COUNCIL in West Yorkshire is organising bus tours around two of its "hard-to-let" housing estates to try to drum up the interest of would be tenants. As a marketing ploy it's imaginative. Perhaps next time the estates could be asked to put on a display of joy-riding followed by a crotchet exhibition by the local (single) mothers' union. Tourism might not work, however, on those estates where a police escort and outriders are needed to stop the youth having the tyres off your vehicle in five seconds.

And yet maybe Kirklees' example does have something to offer other public services. Most could be marketed much more effectively. Wouldn't it be refreshing - however unlikely it may be - to have the National Health Service inviting the public in to sample food prepared in hospital kitchens or test the salubrious (and empty!) waiting-rooms in their accident and emergency departments. It's true that some schools do now open their doors to would-be parents, just as some nicks, fire stations and refuse disposal plants have open days in order to impress the public with their efficiency. Some services, however, are designed to repel. It would not do to arrange scenie tours round Parkhurst or Durham jails - unless visitors emerged vowing never to darken their doors again.

PICTURE OF THE DAY



On the road: this image is one of a collection of portraits of horse-drawn travellers and gypsy families by James Lampard. They are on show from today till II April at Contact: Anonymous Associates, 01225 337729 f.Stop Media Station, Green Park Station, Bath

Countryside myth

IT IS disturbing to see the Countryside March being laken seriously by the Government. The Prime Minister has laid great stress upon his project of modernisation: of the Labour Party, and now of the country. Most of the disparate protesters ing are desperately accusing the seek to uphold the most backwardlooking of social relations.

In many rural areas the social coof shops and services is undermined by people who are absent in towns ther to the social margins. Meanwhile many town centres are depleted betowns (especially the wealthy ones) do not live as part of the communi ment. The shuttling between rural their views on others. This tolerance home and urban work helps to clog roads and contributes to pollution.

suggested within government, to subsidise petrol for rural dwellers. mental issue is personal freedom. That will simply be a form of regressive taxation whereby the urban poor subsidise the maintenance of a middle-class dream of "a home in the country". A better solution to reconcile his One Nation policy would be tax incentives for those who live close to their place of work.

This is a predominantly urban society which culturally subscribes to the view that non-metropolitan urban life is always second-best and rural life always preferable. That has to change. We are pulling down tower blocks which in other countries would he desirable homes, and building miserable and alienating suburbs on greenfield sites because of the grip of a mythical pastoralism on our imaginations.

The whingeing of the country movement proposes nothing that will modernise Britain and revitalise our society. The best thing they could do would be to support an urban movement to transform our towns. YASMIN ALI

DISTURBED and perplexed by the number of people joining the Countryside March, opponents of hunt-

Preston, Lancashire

LETTERS

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grouped around the demonstration hunters of hijacking legitimate rural concerns. This is profoundly un-

I don't hunt, but I am clear about hesion essential to the maintenance my own motives for making the long journey from Northumberland to London. Hunting is the cultural traduring the day. House prices soar, and dition of a decent minority group, those who actually need to live and and the Bill to ban it symbolises the work in the countryside are driven fur- populist higotry of this government, with its rampant "bannitis".

Many people in rural areas may sonally dislike hunting. Yet I suspect full hearing. that, if asked, they would go on to of country traditions may be the real The solution is not, as has been attitudes to hunting, and it has a broader significance. The funda-ALASDAIR MITCHELL

> THE PRIME MINISTER, seeking with the cocktail of conflicting causes represented by the Countryside March, could start by devolving the hunting issue. This clash of individual conscience and rural tradition is surely hest fought out at local government level.

Stocksfield, Northumberland

Westminster politicians could then concentrate on ensuring that the nation as a whole benefited from future subsidies paid to farmers. If the public wants to retain small fields and their hedges, which, as Roger Stratton (letter, 28 February) implies, are a handicap in competing with world market prices, then switch the arable aid Mr Stratton presumably now gets for his wheatfields into hedging grants. Likewise, set-aside and even extensification payments, which we currently receive for keeping livestock at lower stocking rates, could be tied to public access to those fields on a farm claiming them. **JOHN ETRICKS**

ticle on children's radio (Media, 23 February). We were more than a touch surprised. This year we are transmitting 260 hours of programmes for schools on Radio 3, backed up by a popular cassette service for hard-pressed teachers. And we don't intend to axe anything.

"Dry and formal" may be Sally Williams's verdict on BBC Educa-

THERE ARE a couple of points I would like to take up following the coverage you have given (23, 25 February) to my Public Interest Disclosure Bill.

Blowing the whistle

First, for the very reasons Dr Slapper sets out in his letter, the law will provide for reinstatement. Indeed. because whistle-blowers are so vuloerable, the Government has agreed to extend to them the special provicause too many of those who work in indeed tell pollsters that they per- sions for reinstatement pending the

My own view, nowever, is that th ties which provide their employ- say that they do not wish to impose most effective way to protect whis- can only get worse. In the long tle-blowers and to promote the publie interest is to ensure that difference between rural and urban unscrupulous employers have to compensate any public-spirited employee they victimise for his actual losses. As this view is shared by the CBL the TUC and all other key interests, I am increasingly confident that the Government will accept the sense in this approach and legislate

> Finally, if any reader is concerned about fraud, public danger or other serious maloractice and is unsure whether to blow the whistle or stay silent, I urge them to contact Public Concern at Work (0171 404) 6609) for free legal advice. RICHARD SHEPHERD MP (Aldridge Brownhills, C) House of Commons

BBC for schools

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SO, BBC School Radio has been axed? Or so said Sally Williams's ar-

tion's radio output. It's certainly not

the verdict of the teachers and chil-

dren who listeo to it. Andiences are

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London W12

an early age.

Lingua franca

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term, however, the solution could be

to adopt a common European sec-

ond language, which could be taught

to all European schoolchildren from

will preclude the adoption of any

modern language. The logical candidate is Latin, which was in fact used

for this very purpose in the Middle

Ages. Modern technological terms

would pose no problem, since most

of these are derived from Latin or

Greek. The use of Latin would also

out an end to the creeping Anglici-

satioo of other languages which is a

source of resentment to our European

ROGER WORDSWORTH

Henry the Forgotten

YOU SAY that if the succession had

gone to the eldest child, irrespective

of gender, Mary Tudor would have

succeeded Henry VIII (born in

1491) ("Equality at last for royal

king. The throne would have gone

to his elder sister Margaret Tudor

(born 1489), who married James IV

of Scotland. Their granddaughter

No. Henry would not have been

daughters", 28 Fehruary).

was Mary, Queen of Scots.

SHEILA M LYONS

Chichester, West Sussex

Kirkham, Lancashire

As you point out, national rivalry

THE WAY in which the participation of children in the National Lottery is being dealt with lacks crudibility. ("Camelot told: stop sales to children', 27 February).

Lottery children

Although it is illegal for children to buy tickets, they have been involved in the promotion of the lottery, from its inception. Thus, children appeared in the initial television advertisements and were in the stodio audience of the live draw, which was and still is broadcast before the 9pm watershed. Not surprisingly, audience research showed 4. that the live draw is one of the most popular programmes with children.

In 1995, the National Council on Gambling complained to the Broad-YOUR report on linguistic confusion casting Standards Council about in Brussels (28 February) highlights this situation. Attention was drawn to a survey I conducted in an city school which was reported in the British Medical Journal. This showed that nearly two-thirds of children admitted to purchasing lottery tickets. The National Heritage Department. Oflot and the BBC chose to dismiss

> the significance of the points raised. There is now a need for fundamental changes in the manner the lottery is promoted. As a first step, the proposed new television scratchcard show should be cancelled. Dr E MORAN

at Bathos w

Consultant Psychiotrist Chairman, The Notional Council on Gambling London N14

neighbours, particularly the French. Chess education

KIRSAN ILYUMZHINOV may be labelled eccentric ("Russia's hlack knight makes a global move", 25 February), hut he is right about chess helping the child's intellectual development. As a coach I teach chess to groups and one-to-one, and I am convinced that it deserves equal status in education with maths and music.

Young offenders should be given chess tuition. It would teach them to be aware of the consequences of their actions, and channel their aggression into a mind sport. TONY BLADES Birkenhead, Mersevside

John Major gives serious thought to resigning on a point of principle



AS I revealed vesterday. I have been hack the advance when inflation has reworking with John Major on his book of memoirs for HarperCollins (tentatively entitled Major Hold-Up Ahead) so when I heard that all sorts of writers were thinking of leaving the Murdoch firm I was very anxious to case John Major should join the rush and leave me short of pocket

So you can imagine how relieved I was when he rang me hack vesterday to discuss the matter.

"If I refuse to do the book for Harper-Collins," he said, "will I have to hand the advance back?"

"Yes, I'm afraid so." "That is quite normal?"

"Well, it's not quite normal. What usually happens is that a writer gets an advance for doing a book, fails to do the book over a period of len years and finally pays

duced it to a much smaller sum. However, you won't get much moral kudos for doing that."

"I am not a rich man," said the ex-prime minister.

When people say that, they usually mean they are short of money. "Look," I said, "even if you have to hand the money back to HarperCollins,

you can get it back by placing the book with another publisher." "Do you think any other publisher will

want the book?" "I am sure they will," I said.

When people say that, they usually mean the exact opposite. Mr Major sighed audibly. If you're going to sigh, sigh audibly, I always say.

"I sometimes wonder if people really want to read my story. After all, there is

This startled me. It was the nearest to an epigram I had ever heard Mr Major

"Oh, but people always want to read eye-witness accounts of history, sirl Think of Harold Wilson's book, The Governance of Britain. Think of Margaret Thatcher's hook, The Governess of Britain..."

I paused for a laugh. All I got was another sigh:

"Yes, hut nobody ever read those," he said. "I think I'll just pack it in. What's the point of producing another portentous, unread self-justifying tome?"

"To make money? There was another sigh, or perhaps the

same sign again. "Tell you what." I said, "if you want to

pack it in, now is the best time to do it. You don't have to say that you've lost heart. Just say it's in protest against Rupert Murdoch's trashing of Chris Parten's book." There was a silence.

"The last time you spoke out io publie was to call Saddam Hussein a dangerous psychopath. You could use the same speech again about Mr Murdoch."

"Isn't that going a bit far? Saddam Hussein is a power-mad tyrant who ruthlessly crushes anyone who tries to disagree with

"So where's the problem? There was another silence.

"Look," I said, "Murdoch sees every. thing in terms of self-advancement. At an age when most people would be pottering around the garden, be still wants to rule the world. He can't bear to die before he

has established himself as a major player in every country, which is why he is now planning the takeover of China. When he has done that, he will feel a bit better about dving. No, I tell a lie. I expect Rupert Murdoch sees death as another husiness opportunity. At this very momeot, I wouldn't be surprised if he is making plans to establish footholds in heaven and hell. Can't you just see Rupert Murdoch in his last years making a takeover bid for the News of the Underworld, an ailing paper based in hell which would make a springboard for his posthumous media expansion...?"

There was a final silence, or maybe the same silence all over again.

"If I resign from HarperCollins," said John Major, "I'd quite like you to write my resignation speech."

I think I'm back with a job again.

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Call me unfashionable, but Harriet deserves an even break



MACINTYRE

Don't trust the detractors. Some ministers become unpopular but that does not mean they have been doing a bad job

WHO'S UP? Who's down? The great, burning question of British political gossip since records began, fills the pages of every diarist from Chips Channon through Dick Crossman to Alan Clark. The basis for the answer is something intangible, a combination of the press coverage minister X gets, the last thing anyone heard, or says they heard, the Prime Minister remark about him or her, some wispy, inexplicable sense the colleagues have of But she did not make many friends among parwhether promotion, demotion or a sideways move beckons.

Judged by such deeply unscientific criterin, Harriet Harman isn't exactly up. The latest charge against her is that she has been leaking budget information - a charge which can be levelled more widely than at Ms Harman. The Treasury itself has adopted a rather more flexible attitude to hudget purdah than in the past. Last week, two reports did indeed appear about budget provisions which she must have known about, since they affected her own departmental responsibilities.

The first affected lone parents, subject of the government's most outstanding presentational and political debacle to date. It said that the child premium on income support would be increased by a level high enough to offset the cuts in lone parents' benefit forced through a deeply reluctant House of Commons late last year. This was an entirely welcome boost for poor lone parents but one which also kept intact the principle that henceforth the same child benefit would be paid to lone parents as to married couples. The second said that there would be a big increase in child care -use of the term "affluence tests" the notion support for those earning less than around £20,000 a year - on a bigger scale than expected and possibly worth as much as £1bn. This was have been presentationally unwise at the time also welcome, not least to this newspaper which has been camp ig for an increase in child care support. Ms Harman was not. it is pretty clear after detailed enquiries, the source of the first report. She certainly appears to have talked in general terms to journalists. about plans to boost child care - including openly in front of the Select Committee last Wednesday. - though she was not the source of the first newspaper to discover the figures

But there is also a second question, obvious from the above to all except politicians and journalists, which is how much all this matters - however annoying it is to the presentation control-freaks who inhabit every corner of the government? First, Ms Harman

hasn't suddenly discovered a sudden and new interest in child care when she needs to. Speaking in the Commons last Friday Malcolm Chisholm - who has no reason whatever to suck up to Ms Harman since he resigned as a social security minister in protest against cuts in lone parents benefit - paid a handsome tribute to her for being passionate about the subject since she came into the Commons in 1983 and said the government's National Childcare Strategy - of which this month's budget provisions will be a central part -would be a "lasting monument to her". Women - in every age group including pensioners - and children are those on whom poverty falls disproportionately. She has articulated this fact consistently. And she has endeavoured - with an admittedly co-operative Chancellor - to ensure that the problem is addressed in the budget.

It's a commonplace that Ms Harman isn't exactly popular in her party. Some of it is her fault. (She must bear her share of the blame for both the execution and the presentation of the lone parents' decision) But some of it isn't. As Gordon Brown's Shadow Chief Secretary she was obliged to tour the offices of her colleagues warning them that cherished spending commitments would have to be ditched. And as Shadow Employment Secretary, she did a lot first to broaden the consensus for a national minimum wage high enough to make a difference but not high enough to send unemployment soaring again. ty fundamentalists, or in the unions, for her steadfast refusal to hint at figures at the higher, £4 per hour plus, end of the spectrum. That was nothing compared with her decision to send her second son to a grammar school. It infuriated many people in the Labour Party - including Alastair Campbell, the Prime Minister's Press Secretary - who thought it was a betraval of Labour's commitment to comprehensive education. And it infuriated many more who had made their own choice of school with more attention to political orthodoxy than to what they might, as private citizens, have judged the best interests of their children. Finally she annoyed many male Labour MPs by backing women's quotas - an irony in view of the fact that she has now been accused of trying to improve her standing in the Labour hierarchy by promoting women's issues. And this was all before she carried the can for what was, when all is said and done, a collective decision made jointly with the Treasury to cut lone parents' benefit. And before she was summoned to No 10 and personally reprimanded by the Prime Minister for floating via the that the some benefits were still being wasted on those who didn't need them. This may ; for a government seeking to reform welfare ment wasn't testing the validity of universal benefits to destruction. Moreover Ms Harman also has some qualities which tend to be overlooked. She is tough. She is a welfare reform believer in a Cabinet which is less full of hard edged modernisers than it is sometimes assumed. Her relations with her Minister of State Frank Field - after a wholly disastrous start appeared to have improved significantly to the credit of both of them. Of course Gordon Brown remains the unchallenged architect of what now promises to be a budget both redistributive and fiscally prudent. But she has played her part. It isn't fashionable to say so.

The BBC is a public service. And that means not faking integrity

We pay our licence fee for television which serves the whole

audience and takes risks, Andreas Whittam-Smith says. But the accountants see things differently

NO BBC person gives a speech without mentioning public service at least a dozen times. At a conference last week, the director of policy, Patricia Hodgson, didn't entitle her address "The BBC in the Digital Age" but "Public Service Broadcasting in the Digital Age".

Yet an accumulation of incidents is beginning to make me wonder whether the public service ethos of the BBC is less pervasive than it appears. For example there is the recent decision to move daily coverage of Parliament into what Gerald Kaufman has aptly called "the ghetto of long wave radio".

According to a leaked report, an edition of The Rantzen Report is due to be criticised later this week by the Broadcasting Standards Commission as "inaccurate, misleading and unfair". And now we are arguing about whether flyon-the-wall documentaries are sometimes faked. As far as the BBC's The Driving School is concerned, a spokesman said: "Some of it was faked. It was a light-hearted documentary. But the integrity was still there". Is this possible: fake and integrity in the same product?

Of all the many things which comprise public service broadcasting, reporting Parliament is not the least important, particularly as newspapers, regrettably, have substantially reduced their coverage. Is Yesterday in Parliament intrinsically dull? I don't think it is, though doubtless an inspired editor could still improve it. The raw material is more than adequate for the making a good programme.

So far as criticism of The Rantzen Report's allegations about a hospital are concerned, I am less bothered about the rights and wrongs of the case than I am about the BBC's own investigation into complaints about the programme. The Complaints Unit found "minor inaccuracies" and "clear unfairness". None-theless, no apology was made. As a result, if the Broadcasting Standards Commission does indeed make trenchant critwhether the BBC's internal inquiries are more concerned with shielding the corporation than rectifying errors.

However I think that the BBC's stars, seeing a steady trickle of such incidents, take aim at the wrong target. The other day Kate Adie, like many others, put the blame on management style. She says that the BBC has developed a huge division between the people who run the corporation and those who make the programmes. She went on: "It has hecome more acute in the past decade at the BBC because there is undoubtedly now a management which is a reflection of modern business methods." Certainly



there is a curious management-speak, of which Ms Adie says she is ashamed. I saw a BBC recruitment advertisement recently which referred to all 500 qual- light entertainment, long-running seified accounting staff as being "members

Kate Adie describes exists in most institutions. There is always a gulf of understanding and temperament between the creators of a product and those concerned with administration. The Royal Opera House has provided eloquent evidence of this fissure. Probably, to take a completely different example, the people designing aircraft engines at Rolls-Royce feel similarly frustrated. It is an inevitable tension which is by no means always damaging.

Of course the BBC very well un-

will increasingly gravitate towards a narrow range of programmes, favouring rials, sport and niche services, despite The fact is that the division which In contrast, the paper argues, the joh of the public service broadcaster in these circumstances is to serve the whole audience, not just those parts which are commercially attractive, to make programmes which the market will never provide and, by setting standards and taking risks, limit any tendency among commercial broadcasters to focus on the lowest common denominator. In other words, the BBC is to he the sheet anchor of the broad-

that the hurgeoning commercial sector

casting system. That is all very well. But it is not the derstands the public interest. A paper, only matter weighing on the corporate "The BBC's Ten year Vision", predicts mind. From the outside, the BBC ap-

nears as the most fortunately placed corporation in the country. It knows exactly what its revenue will be this year, next year and the year afterwards. Whether it performs badly or not, the licence fee will continue to roll in. Added to which. it has dominating shares of most of its markets. By contrast. Rupert Murdoch's operation looks as dangerous as trying to fly non-stop round the world by balloon. But that is not how the future is seen within the citadel. The BBC's nightmare is that one day it might lose the licence fee or see its value drastically reduced. As it is, the BBC can see that the licence fee is unlikely to grow as quickly as its rivals' advertising revenues or the fees from subscription and pay-TV. That is why the corporation has to back away at its cost structure, and the result is that Ms Adje feels herself dominated by management types.

As it celebrates its 75th anniversary, the Corporation feels itself on the retreat. For its first 50 years it maintained its market shares at 100 per cent. Then in the 1950s, it lost its television monopoly, in the 1970s competitors came into local radio and finally in the 1990s the monopoly of national radio went. As a result, considerations of public service are not always, or even generally, the main focus.

The BBC is just as concurred as any commercial broadcaster with attracting the largest possible audience. It does not see how it can continue to justify the licence fee without providing popular services which most people want to watch. If the market generally is dumhing down, then the BBC will dumb down. If the most entertaining fly-on-the-wall documentaries require a little contriving or a bit of cheating, then that is what will be done. If parliamentary news appears boring, then it can no longer he allowed to occupy a prominent position.

The corporation then, is subject to two commandments which are often in competition with each other - secure the public interest, and keep up the numbers. This is where the dangerous tension lies, rather than between managers and creative people. Actually the numbers are looking good. In spite of cable and satellite, BBC television's share of all viewing has held steady at around 42 per cent to 43 per cent.

This is the task for the governors. In the annual report, these distinguished people outline a range of duties which they have assumed. To me, their joh is simply described. It is to arstandable desire to retain high market shares in the various broadcasting markets the BBC serves and the requirements of public service, relatively unpopular as these may sometimes be. Chris Smith, the Secretary of State for Culture, has quickly grasped the danger. He said last month that he wanted to establish formal meetings with the governors at least twice a year so that he could ensure that the corporation was sticking to the terms of its Royal Charter. "If it is forgetting that it is a public service broadcaster, then it is forgetting its raison d'être," he said.

I thought Bathos was a cut-price holiday destination



ANNE **MCELVOY**

Companies are no longer content with selling us things: they want us to love them for it

BUSINESSES have their own grammar: they decline verbs irregularly, "I cut prices out of generosity towards the customer/ You undercut me because you are greedy/He/she/it must do something about it."

The cut-price carrier easyJet has served a writ against British Airways, claiming that it is cross-subsidising Go, its new low-price airline and that the tactic is intended to put easy-Jet out of business.

Cross-subsidy is the established company's weapon against the innovative talents of the newcomer. The difficulty in defining where it is illegal does not detract from the frustration we feel when hig business birds of prey swoop on smaller and nimbler rivals So the anger of small carriers which have liberated travellers from British Airways' expense-account fare structures is understandable.

but she deserves her share of the credit too.

Under this kind of pressure, companies are increasingly inclined to throw themselves on the mercy of the public and present their plight as a moral crusade. "Hey," says someone in the PR nether regions, "we're the little guy. Our customers are the little guys. We're all in this together. Like Ben and Jerry

This snuggly view of capitalism has led easyJet to publish bathetic full-page newspaper ads reproducing letters from outraged passengers. (Their outrage was nourished by the prospect of winning free tickets, which de-gilts the gingerbread a little.) Eight year-old Rosesnna writes, "My daddy is always moaning about big business forcing the little man out of business ... " A (presumably fully grown) Mr Shattock from Peterborough is less sophisticated: "What's the difference

between a BA flight and a Go flight? One screws customers while the other screws com-At this point, I am overcome by a sudden desire never to fly easyJet again. It is a fine line between companies informing their customers why they feel threatened by cross-subsidy and them turning into undignified whingers. The Indepen-

dent has made its case against

predatory pricing in the face of

cost-cutting by Rupert Mur-

wary of mistaking the loyalty customers bear a husiness which delivers a good product at a sound price for the notion that they should love the company like a brother. Not that easyJet is alone in

trying to reinvent the relation between producer and customer as an affair of the heart. The weather is brought to you by Powergen," murmurs a voice after the evening news. To which we're supposed to respond, "That's nice of them". rather than enquiring too closely into the fatness of their executive cats.

But consumers are not fools. We know that easyJet is in business to make a profit. If the prices are low and the planes

doch. But enterprises should be leave on time, we don't begrudge it. Besides, there is an iron law which states that companies which try to garb their commercial aims in altruistic language invariably come a cropper. Ben and Jerry's promise that a brand of their ice-cream helped indigenous rainforest workers was met by protests that it wasn't helping

Rupert Murdoch rashly promised that exposure to his Star TV channel would topple dictatorships. Since then, he has had to expend a lot of effort correcting this impression with the Chinese. The result is the cancellation of Chris Patten's memoirs. A little morality in husiness goes a long way. A little moralising goes even further.

"My boss says I must be a bad boss too" True stag are expected to work a first from a with only a half hour unpaid knich break for just £16. This is despite larger than expected profits" got to be Mr Nasty If you want to get on that's the word from the top" or van ir system the TOM backingsmylle e for lost yaar Bestjey is box his roll næme too ir grilehed to speak box in public. and the green state in a light managed and analysis of 13 or the protestion of a trace union, 7.7% employer who are reported with the פחום כן הוצר ה ליש אישעטטט פרז צריע בי Sanjau deserves the right to be heard. 1 AUTOMORPHOTOSTICA Plantona company

FORGET the Baby Boom; get ready for the Pop Babies. The Grammy success of Bob Dylan's son Jakob looks like just the beginning for the next gencration of rock star children.

No doubt you've heard of Julian Lennon and, now, Jakoh Dylan. But did you know that Sean Lennon, 22, the only son of John and Yoko, has

an album being released in May? Or that Adam Cohen,

the 25-year-old son of the melancholic Canadian poet/crooner Leonard Cohen, has an album called - wait for it - Cry Ophelia coming out on Columbia! Meanwhile, Shana Morrison, 27-year-old daughter of Van, has

Caledonia that is making the rounds

Other aspiring star offspring include Rufus Wainwright, 23, son of Loudon Wainwright III; Rolan Bolan, 22, son of Marc Bolan; Chris Everly, 23, Phil Everly's boy, and Elijah Blue Allman, 20, the boy wonder of Gregg Allman and Cher, who plays mean goth rock. Let's give the last word to Chris Stills, 23, son of Stephen Stills, who recently reported, "When I told my dad what I wanted to do, he said What, are you kidding me? Please go to college."

THE FIRST openly homosexual ambassadorial nomination in American history is bogged down in Congress. James Hornel is the scion of the huge US ment-packing company that makes Spam. He is also an outspoken gay activist and a generous philanthropist. He has been nominated by President Clinton to be ambassador

present his lover as his "ambassado-

rial spouse". But conservative senators are blocking the nomination, asserting that Hormel may try to promote homoscanality as the US ambassador. Hormel vigorously denies that he will promote anything but the hest interests of his country.

In California to attend daughter Cheisea's "Parents' Day" at Stanford. Clinton defended his nominee. The to Lutembourg after promising not to only question the United States

one answer, is will be or will he not be a good ambassador,"

Pandora likewise only has one question. What on earth is happening in dreary old Luxembourg? Obviously James Hormel knows something or he wouldn't be so keen to camp out there.

THIS week's 'UK Press Gazette' offers vivid coverage of the jailing of two British paparazzi in Los Angeles. The story about Giles Harrison and Andrew O'Brien, convicted of harassing Arnold Schwarzenegger, appears on page four. Followed, on page 18, by an advertisement placed by their employer Splash, the British tabloid bureau in LA, seeking new photographers. Its irresistible headline? "Come work in the sun."

Presumably LA County Jail provides free towels, but applicants would be wise to bring their own tanning oil. And don't forget the bail money.

Senate should ask, and there is only MIKE BLOOMBERG was taking no chances. The financial data tycoon who sponsored the Serpentine Gallery's gala reopening last week wanted the occasion to be as glitter-

ing and celebrity-filled as possible. So he engaged - who else? -Aurėlia Cecil, the glamorous luxury goods PR (clients: Versace, Daphne's) who is Prince Andrew's new flame. Talent like this doesn't come cheap, Aurelia's fee for producing a flood of A-list guests was £10,000.

ATTENTION all you hip cats and chicks who were on the scene back in the Swinging Sixtles. Like, it's time for a reality check. Take a look at the latest issue of Saga. Who's the covergirl on Britain's leading journal for the "Senior Set"? Yes, it's Twiggy and she's looking absolutely fab.

Pandora

Sir Sam Curran

great Scots of the 20th century 10 get near higher education --in the tradition of the heroes and did to their enormous benof the 18th-century Scottish effit. He told me that no "ceilenlightenment.

He was the dynamo behind the creation of the hugely successful University of Strathclyde, the child of the Royal College of Science and Technology in Glasgow which had trained many of the great engineers and scientists of the 19th and first half of the 20th century.

In the spring of 1963, two of my young constituents got into goal. deep trouble at the Royal College. An MP's letter to the Principal produced a phone call at 8.30 the following morning: Can you come and see me !" Within minutes of entering the room. I sensed that I was in the presence of one of the most effective, superbly well-informed, and humane academic heavyweights.

His eyes twinkling behind his light horn-rimmed speciacles. Sam Curran wanted to do his utmost for two first-year students from working-class families. ing" should be placed on numbers of students in higher education. He held the passionate belief that every young person who wanted to try higher education should be given a chance, and his messianic belief in Strathclyde University gave practical implementation to

that belief and was a vehicle for

carrying out what was a noble

As soon as our husiness was finished in relation to my erring constituents, it became obvious that the reason for the telephone call and the early summons to meet him was that he saw the chance of recruiting a young Scottish Member of Parliament to the cause and ideals of technical education as he saw them. As Prime Minister, Harold Wilson told me a year later. "Sam is one of the people in higher education whose

good opinion of our policy I re-

ally covet." He was one of the

SAM CURRAN was one of the the first from those families ever role models for those of us who tor of the cloud chamber, and believed in the white heat of the . Harry Jones, father of Dame technological revolution.

Sam Curran was born one of John Curran, a Fifer, and Sarah Crowe, from Ballymena, Co Antring. The other, Robert Curran, was for 20 years Leith Professor of Pathology at Birmingham University. The Currans moved to Lanarkshire and Sam long championing of the importance of science and maths teachers in school be ascribed to his own good fortune of heing superbly taught by dedicated teachers at Wishaw.

First class bonours in Mathematics and Natural Philosopby (physics) led to a PhD at St John's College, Cambridge, of which he was to become an honorary fellow 30 years later. At the Cavendish Laboratory he had the good fortune not only to have Lord Rutherford as his head of department but to work closely under C.TR. Wilson. lation Counter, an instrument

Angela Rumbold MP.

On the outbreak of the Secthe two remarkable sons of ond World War Curran went to the Royal Aircraft Establishment at Faraborough. He worked on the development of long-range centimetre radar and the proximity fuse. Among his colleagues was Joan Strothers, whom he had known became dux (head hoy) of al Cambridge and who was an Wishaw High School. His life-expert on the scattering of strips of tin foil in the air with the result that enemy radar was disrupted. It was called "Operation Window". Curran married Joan Strothers in November 1940. It was to be a marriage of 57 outstandingly happy years. She was pivotal lo his success as a scientist and as a vice-chancellor.

tn 1944 Curran was sent to the Radiation Laboratory in Berkeley, California, to work on the development of what was to become the atomic bomb. While working for the Manhattan Project he invented the Scintil-Nobel prizewinner and inven- for measuring radio activity.

Curran: pragmatism

This achievement was greatly praised by his old mentor C.T.R. Wilson, than whom no man was in a better position to judge.

Curran returned to the Physics department of Glasgow University at the special request of Professor Philip Dee, one of his former senior colleagues in the Cavendish and by that time Professor of Natural Philosophy at Glasgow.

He worked at Harwell from 1955 to 1958 and then became chief scientist of the Atomic

Weapons Research Establishment at Aldermaston for a year. He told me that he had pangs of conscience when he saw the pictures and heard the songs of the Aldermaston marchers and that this determined in part his decision to return to Glasgow as Principal of the Royal College of Science and Technology. I won't say that he feh guilty but after talking to his great friend Sir William Penney he thought he shared some responsibility for a substantial part of the work on the hydrogen bomh.

Much later in life he told me at a Strathclyde dinner, "I didn't agonise to the extent that Sir James Chadwick (isolator of the neutron] agonised over his part in making Hiroshima and Nagasaki possible. But I did wonder where the ultimate results of my work and that of my colleagues would lead."

Paying tribute to Curran, Professor Sir John Arbnthnott, the present distinguished Principal of Strathclyde, said: "Curran transformed the Royal College - itself a internationally university. Throughout his many years as Principal, he Strathelyde's founder, John Anderson, and insisted that the university should usefully serve society in all its manifestations.

"Sir Sam insisted that its graduates should be trained and educated men and women who would respond to industry and their professions' changing circumstances. He was a man of vision and the seeds of Strathclyde's current success in commercialising its research activities were sown by him back in the Sixties and Seventies."

Curran had many wider Interests. He was a member of the dustrial Research, 1962-65, of the Science Research Council, 1965-68, Chief Scientific Adviser to the Secretary of State for Scotland, 1967-77, and Honorary President of the Scottish Polish Cultural Association. His links with the Polish community were a part of his life,

as was his work for Enable, a renowned institution -- into a charity concerned with the mentally handicupped. Hugh Stewart, its Deputy Director, pointed never lost sight of the ideals of out that it was in recognition of his efforts for those with learning disabilities that Enable's office and leisure facilities have

been named Curran House. "Curran had a powerful combination of pragmatism. passion and vision." says Sir William Stewart, formerly the Government's Chief Scientific Adviser. "Scotland is much the ; 1 poorer for his passing."

Tam Dalyell

Samuel Crowe Curran, physicist and university administrator: born BalacifiCori astern st h (4.35 Immena, Co Anarim 23 May 1912; FRSE 1947; FRS 1953; Principal, Roy-Council for Scientific and In- . al College of Science and Technology, Glasgow 1959-64; Chairman. Advisory Committee on Medical Research 1962-75; Principal and Vice-Chancellor, Strathclyde University 1964-80; Chief Scientific Adviser to the Secretary of State for Scotland 1967-77; Kt 1970; manied 1940 Joan Strothers (three sons, one daughter): died Glasgow 15 February 1998.

Todd Duncan

IN LATE 1934 George Gershwin. in the process of creating his masterwork, Porgy and Bess. wrote to the librettist DuBose Heyward:

Here is an exciting bit of news, I heard about a man singer who teaches music in Washington and arranged for him to come and sine for me. In my opinion he is the closest to a coloured Tibbett I have ever heard. He is about six foot tall and very well proportioned with a rich, booming voice. He would make a superb Crown and, 1 think, just as good a Porgy.

The composer had in fact found his Porgy. Gershwin had originally been so taken with the idea of starring Lawrence Tibbett. then at the height of his fame as a baritone at the Metropolitan Opera House, that he had considered having Tibbett perform in blackface, but his discovery of Duncan solved all problems, Duncan, like his Bess (Anne Brown) and the rest of the opera's cast, was not experienced on the operatic stage hut, the lyricist Ira Gershwin later said, "brought a bumour and pathos to the role which helped considerably to humanise Porgy, making him dignified but not maudlin".

For his part, Duncan was not Gersbwin. "I was a bit of a stuffed shirt," he stated later, "and thought of George Gershwin as being Tin Pan Alley and something beneath me."

He was born Robert Todd Duncan in 1903 in Danville. Kentucky, and attended Butler Music and Fine Arts in Indiunapolis, receiving a master's degree in voice from Columbia University. In 1929 he went to New York to study, becoming a Professor of Voice at Howard University in Washington DC in River.

It was while singing the role of Alfio in an all-black production of Cavalleria Rusticann at the Meeca Temple on 55th Street, New York, that he was heard by the music critic Olin-Downes, who recommended him to Gershwin. At his audition he sang a little-known Ital-



the composer. "Every other song 'I'm On My Way' I was singer," said Gershwin, "had weeping." He wrote in a letter sung spirituals or 'Old Man to Gershwin, "I bave seriously

When Gershwin said to him, "Will you be my Porgy?" the open to the serious Negro wary Duncan replied, "I don't artists." know. I'd have to hear your music." When George and Ira later performed their Porgy songs for Duncan be had no doubts. "I was in heaven," he said. this new idiom - it was some-

worked on my art for years waiting for a serious work like this.

Directed by Rouben Mamoulian, Porgy and Bess opened on 10 October 1935 in New York and had a mixed reception - while drama critics generally "Those beautiful melodies in praised the piece, music critics were worried about its hybrid

ian aria by Secchi. "Lungi Dal thing I had never heard. By the nature and the presence of Caro Bene", which impressed time they got to Porgy's final hit tunes which they felt compromised its position as an opera. It ran for a modest 134 performanecs. When it was revived in 1942, again with Duncan and Browne as leads, audiences had come to know many of its great songs and with recitatives cut and a smaller production it was a hit, running for 35 weeks and touring

successfully. In between these productions, Duncan had starred in London opposite Edna Best in

the thriller The Sun Never Sets. and in 1941, at the request of the director Mamoulian, he had played the Lord's Messenger, sent to earth to encourage the reformation of the gambler "Little Joe", in the Vernon Duke/John Latouche bit Cabin in the Sky, Four years later Duncan became the first black artist to appear with the New York City Opera when he sang the role of Tonio in Paglincci.

When Alan Paton's poetic novel set in South Africa, Cry the Beloved Country, was turned into a Broadway musical, Lost in the Stars, by Kurt Weill and Maxwell Anderson in 1949 (with Mamoulian again as director), Duncan starred as the preacher who forms a bond with the father of a young white liberal who has been killed by the preacher's son. Though the static and harrowing show was not commercially successful, Duncan's songs included the popular title number and the critic Robert Garland wrote: "The beauty and simplicity of Cry the Beloved Country infrequently comes through. Only Todd Duncan artful artlessness."

The show was Duncan's last, but in the 1955 film Unchained be played the inmate of a minimum security prison and introduced the hit song "Unchained Melody", which was nominated for an Academy Award.

Duncan continued to teach at Howard University and as a concert singer performed arias and Lieder in more than 2,000 performances in 56 countries. Married since 1934 to Gladys Jackson, a teacher, he continued to give singing lessons at his home in Washington until recently.

Tom Vallance

Robert Todd Duncan, singer, born Danville, Kentucky 12 February 1903; married 1934 Gladys Jackson (one son); died Washington DC 28

Judge Rolv Ryssdal

ROLV RYSSDAL, President of the European Court of Human Rights from 1985 until his death, was an outstanding individual who made exceptional contributions to justice. A jurist of distinction occupying the highest domestic and international offices, Ryssdal remained a pleasant, unassuming and charming person without any pomposity.

Ryssdal started judicial work as a junior district judge in Norway in 1940. A judge by day, by night be played an active role in the Norwegian resistance to Nazi occupation, which led to his being detained from December 1943 until his country was liberated. The experience of living under totalitarianism. enduring deep injustice and imprisonment, he spoke little about; but it was reflected in his later judgments and speeches about the purpose of the European Convention on Human Rights.

After the Second World gal career, working successively for the state and as an advocate in private practice, culminating in serving in the key administrative role as Secretary General in the Ministry of Jus-Court, a post be held for some 15 years. In 1973, he first became a Judge of the European Court of Human Rights. At that time the court had few cases, averaging around one a year; just 17 rulings had been delivered when he joined the court. In 1979, his fellow judges elected him Vice-President of the court and in 1985 he was

elected its President. The volume of cases before the court increased massively during the 25 years Ryssdal served as Judge and particularly during his presidency. By his death some 733 judgments had been delivered, some 632

when he was President. At a ceremony to honour his memory last week, Rudolf Bernhardt, Vice-President of the court, did not exaggerate in describing Rolv Ryssdal's posi-



Ryssdal: a position unique in international court history

tion as unique in the history of fundamental rights themselves. War, Ryssdal had a meteoric le-, any international court and in stating, "Rarely can one man have played such a prominent role in a system of justice, be it international or national."

A number of features stand ont from Ryssdal's presidency. He had a fine legal mind, of Justice of Norway's Supreme course, but above all he dis- the individual. He stressed that played the balance and good many of the cases which came sense which mark out the best judges. His period as President coincided with new states be- our judges could not apply the coming party to the Convention on Human Rights; some of problems. On such cases, the court has been firm in upholding the international standards which the convention was created to provide.

Ryssdal played a pivotal role in promoting institutional reform, which comes to fruition this November with the establishment of the full-time court. Ryssdal pressed for all the standards in the convention and its protocols to be accepted, inclinding Protocol No 6 on the Court of Human Rights 1973-98. abolition of the death penalty. He frequently stressed the importance of domestic judges' being able to give effect to

At a public lecture in Lon-

don 18 months ago, Ryssdal answered criticism of some in Britain that the European Court of Human Rights had overstepped its remit or misjudged the correct halance between to Strasbourg from the United Kingdom only did so because convention directly. He strongly favoured their heing permitthese bad grave human-rights ted to do so, stressing that it was best for balancing rights and the public interest to be done at the national level. I know that he was personally delighted that this will happen soon in the UK -

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Rolv Einar Ryssdal, judge: born Bergen, Norway 27 October 1914; Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Norway 1969-84; Judge, European Vice-President 1981-85, President 1985-98; married 1954 Signe Stray (two sons, one daughter), died Oslo 18 February 1998.

when the Human Rights Bill is

enacted.

BIRTHS, **MARRIAGES** & DEATHS

HENSTRIDGE: On 25 February 1998, in Washington DC, 10 Catherine (nec Molone) and Mark, a son, Jacob William. William.

MORRIS: On 25 February 1998, at Bay View Hospital, Barbados, to Alison (nee Wanne) and Richard, a son, Charles Edward Reford.

DEATHS

HARRIS: Donald D., aged 69, of Ver-wood, Dorset, Suddenly on 26 Feb-ruary 1998, Funeral Aboutay 9 March, Enquiries to Harry Tomes, Ltd FD, 01202 394340.

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Changing of the Guard -The Housefield Cavairy Mounted Regiment disquits be Queen's Life Caural at H**orse Guards**, Mara.

Birthdays Mr Ernest Bradbury, writer and broadcaster, 79: The Hon Peter Brooke MP, 64: Sir George Gardiner, former MP, 63; Mr David Glencross, former chief executive, ITC, 62; Dr Red Hackney, past President, RIBA. 56; Mrs Joan Humble MP, 47; Mr Takashi Ishihara, counsellor, Nissan Motor Co, So; Mr Martin Lovett, musician and teacher, 71; Mr Maurice Lynn, former Headmaster, the Or-atory School. 47; Mrs Eleanor McLaughlin, former Lord Provosi and Lord-Lieutenam of Edinburgh, 60; Air Vice-Marshal Charles Maughan, 75; Lord Mellish, former gov-ernment minister, 85; Professor Neil Merritt, former Vice-Chanceltor. Portsmouth University, 59; Mr James Miller, Headmaster, Royal Grammar School, Newcastle upon Tyne, 48; Mr Steve Morrison, Chief Executive, Granada Media Group, 51; Mr Pe-ter O'Sullevan, racing commentator, 30; Sir Mark Prescott, racehorse trainer, 50: Miss Miranda Richardson, 40, Mr Ronald Searle, artist and cartoonist, 78; Lord Templeman, a former Lord of Appeal in Ordinary, 78: Miss Fatima Whitbread, javelin

Anniversaries

Births: Edmund Waller, poet, 1606; Thomas Otway, playwright, 1652; William Godwin, novelist and political writer, 1756; John Austin, author and jurist, 1790; William Charles Macready, actor and manager, 1793; Alexander Graham Bell, inventor of the telephone, 1847; Arthur Llewellyn Jones Machen, povetist, actor and journalist, 1863; Sir Henry Joseph Wood, founder of Promenade

thrower, 37: Mr Mike Wood MP, 52.

Concerts, 1869; Philip Edward Thomas, poet and critic, 1878; Jean Harlow (Harlean Carpenter), ac-tress, 1911. Deaths: Robert Hooke, physicist. 1703; William Stukeley, antiquary and physician, 1765; Robert Adam, architect, 1792; Giovanni Adam. architect. 1792: Giovanni Domenico Tiepolo, painter and engraver, 1804; Antony Vandyke Copley Fielding, landscape painter, 1855; Sir Sidney Lee, editor and biographer. 1926; Arthur Koestler, author. 1983; Danny Kaye (Daniel David Karminsky), actor and entertainer. 1987. On this day: Bizet's Carmen Baye first performed at the men was first performed at the Opera Comique. Paris, t875; Italian Somaliland fell to the British army, 1941; one of the world's worst air dis-asters occurred when a Turkish DC-10 crashed after take-off from Paris with the loss of 346 lives, 1974; Estonia and Lavia voted to secede from the Soviet Union, 1991. Today is the Feast Day of St Actred of Rievauls, St Anselm of Nonantola, St Arthelais, St Chef, St Cunegund, empress, St Emeterius, St Gervious, Saints Marinus and Astyrius, St Non or Nonnita and St Winwaloe or

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Victoria and Albert Museum Amelia Fearn, "Silver and the Ritu-als of the Diming Table", 150pm. London School of Economics: Dr M. Umer Chapra, "Islamic Economics: a new paradigm", 5.30pm. RIBA (66 Portland Place, London WI): Chris Wise, "Simplicity Is", Lelcester University: Professor

David Field, "Babies, Bags of Sugar and the Art of the Possible", 5.30pm.

Lectures

LAW REPORT: 3 MARCH 1998

Legal aid board could refuse to meet claims

Regina v Legal Ald Board, ex parte Rafins; Queen's Bench Division Crown Office List (Mr Justice Latham) 12 February 1998

THE LEGAL Aid Board was entitled to refuse to meet claims made by a solicitor under the green form scheme in respect of work undertaken by a self-employed consultant adequately supervised. Where should give its reasons.

The court dismissed an apdecisions of the Legal Aid Board arising out of claims Rabinder Singh (Irwin Mitchell) for made by the applicant firm of the applicant, Charles Utley (Legal Aid solicitors under the green form Board) for the respondent. scheme.

cerned about the claims being the board had taken the view. made by the applicant under that the level of supervision of the green form scheme, noting Mr Farah did not meet the regiven. that one person, under the quirements of regulation 20 of

reference AF, appeared to the Legal Advice and Assis- appealed to the Costs Appeal ohligation upon the area have been working for more than 24 hours a day, and that the claims appeared to be almost pro forma.

The firm's sole principal stated that the work had been carried out by a Mr Farah, and that the hours claimed did notreflect the work carried out by him, but by a number of clerks where that work had been in- or associates employed by him on an ad hoc basis, and paid by an appeal against such a refusal him from his own earnings. His was dismissed by the board's arrangement with the applicant area committee, the committee was that he worked as a self employed consultant and was paid a commission of 35 per cent of plication for judicial review of the fee income received by the

apolicant.

The hoard hecame con- Mr Justice Latham said that

tance Regulations 1989, which . Committee, which had upheld provided that:

nothing in these regulations shall prevent a solicitor from entrusting any function under these regulations to a partner of his or to a compe-tent and responsible representa-tive of his who is employed in his office or is otherwise under his im-A block on payments out of

placed on the applicant's acapplicant's claims at nil, and she had appealed to the area committee, which had not been satisfied that she had entrusted the work to competent and responsible representatives employed in her office, nor that those persons had been un-The applicant had asked for Appeal Committee should be more detailed reasons for that decision, but none had been

The applicant had then though there was no statutory

the area committee's decision. holding that the words "employed in his office" in regulation 20 referred to those sons should be given, leaving persons employed by the solicitor under the normal principles of employment, including payment of PAYE: that self-employed persons the legal aid fund had been carrying out some work within a solicitor's office, or outside count. The board had subsethe office, must be under the quently re-determined the solicitor's immediate supervision; and that costs claimed

for work undertaken in

breach of regulation 20 would

be disallowed. That inter-

pretation of regulation 20 was

correct. The applicant had also submitted that the decisions of the quashed because of the failure reasons for its decision, Al-

committee to give reasons, it was right that the appeal structure in a case such as the present made it clear that reaaside any general principles of fairness.

There were two stages in the appeal process which made the giving of reasons necessary. The first was the point at which a solicitor had to consider whether or not to apply to the committee to certify a point of principle or general importance, and the second was when, in order to make a decision as to the correctness of the area committee's decision, the Costs Appeal Committee would need to know the area committee's concluder appropriate supervision. area committee and the Costs sions of fact. In the present case, however, no prejudice had been caused to the appliof the area committee to give cant by the failure to give reasons.

Kate O'Hanlon, Barrister

Overseas Investment Trust head quits after arbitrageurs move in

THE CHAIRMAN of the Overseas Investment Trust (OIT), which is managed by Morgan Grenfell Asset Management, has unexpectedly resigned over proposals to convert the £190m company into a unit trust.

Richard Hesletine is fundamentally opposed to the forthcoming "unitisation" of OTT forced upon the trust's managers by two New York hased arbitrageurs.

Mr Heseltine declined to com- tional Limited Partnership - bought vote on whether to continue with the year forced the liquidation of Klein- between the value of the shares in proposals, which are expected to be fore the company's December AGM. presented to shareholders "within days". On the subject of his resig-

under the names Liverpool Limited tinuation vote" through at the AGM. to 21 per cent. Other arbitrageurs, Partnership and Westgate Interna-

ment directly on his objections to the a 15 per cent stake in OTT just be-

The bulk of the shares were bought from the Liverpool and Victoria nation from OFT, he said: "Put it this Friendly Society, which put its 14 per way, it's nothing to do with ill- cent stake up for sale after the inhealth, it's not to pursue other investment manager originally handling converted to a unit trust. Of T is exterests, it's not to spend more time the trust was declared bankrupt and pected to he liquidated. with my family".

The two arbitrageurs – trading

resigned. The arbitrageurs then used their voting rights to force a "discontinuation of the AGM.

formality, but this year, the arbitrageurs managed to push through a "oo" vote. As a result, the board of OIT will later this week suggest to shareholders that the company be

Since the AGM, the two arbitrageurs have increased their stake Every year, OTT shareholders including Sierra Trading - which last

Trust - and Tokkei Bank have also bought shares.

The probable conversion of OIT

vestment trust shares has led to a can sell out, receive the net asset value widening "discount", or difference of their shares, and make a tidy profit.

company. The process is usually a wort Benson's Overseas Investment the investment trust and the oet asset value of the shares - the value of the underlying investments.

More and more arbitrageurs have to a unit trust is part of a wider inclus- been seeking to exploit these widentry trend. Investment trusts - quoted ing discounts by buying up large companies which invest in stocks on stakes in investment trusts then debehalf of their shareholders - have manding these companies convert fallen out of favour in recent years. into unit trusts. When the conversion This tailing-off in demand for in-process is complete, arbitrageurs

forced the unitisation in OFT's case trade under a number of different names. For OIT, they have used the Liverpool Limited Partnership. based in Bermuda, and the Westgate International Limited Partnership. based in the Cayman Isles,

However, the two individuals, whose real name is helieved to be Elliot, also go under the name of Stonningtoo.

PacifiCorp raises Eastern stakes with £4.35bn bid

By Michael Harrison

THE TWO-WAY battle for control of Eastern, England's biggest electricity supplier, reached fever pitch last night after the US utility PacifiCorp came back with an increased 820p-a-share bid valuing its parent company Energy group at £4.35bn.

810n offer tabled earlier in the day by PacifiCorp's US rival Texas Utilities. PacifiCorp. which already has regulatory clearance to hid for Energy Group, also disof Energy Group in a market raid. Texas said last night it was conwith a higher offer.

The frantic activity sets the likely to rise further today.

Eastern is set to become the eighth regional electricity company to full under US ownership. Assuming one of the two rival

fifth time that ownership of Eastern has changed hands since it was privatised in 1990.

Texas has agreed to sell Energy Group's US coal business running nuclear plants in the US. Peabody to Lehman Brothers Merchant Banking for \$2.3bn (£1.4bn) if the takeover goes through. PacifiCorp, which al-The hid topped an agreed ready has substantial US coal interests, would retain Peabody.

The Texas bid is being funded through a \$10.3bn debt facility arranged by Chase Manhattan, Lehman and Merrill Lynch and closed that its advisers Goldman would create a combined business Sachs had bought up 8.6 per cent with debts of \$18bn. After the disposal of Peabody and the planned issue of new equity, Texas would sidering whether to come back have debts of some \$14bn and a debt-equity ratio of 155 per cent. Professor Stephen Littlechild.

scene for a bitter battle between , said none of the funding would the two US utilities for Energy be in the form of junk bonds and Group. Its shares rose 28p to 806p that Eastern would be ring guidance from the Office of Fair last night as the markets calculated fenced with an independent cred. Trading or approached the Debe referred to the Monopolies and capital. "We will be a net investor Mergers Commission and are in Eastern and we will not be taking funds out of the enterprise,"

> Should PacifiCorp come back with another increased offer then the takeover battle is like-

bids goes through, it will be the ly to become even more heated. Mr Nve described reports circulating before its bid that Texas was anti-union as "an unadulterated lie" and defended its record of

> PacifiCorp began the auction for Energy Group last June, bidding 695p or £3.7bn. The hid was referred to the MMC by the President of the Board of Trade Margaret Beckett in July and cleared last December.

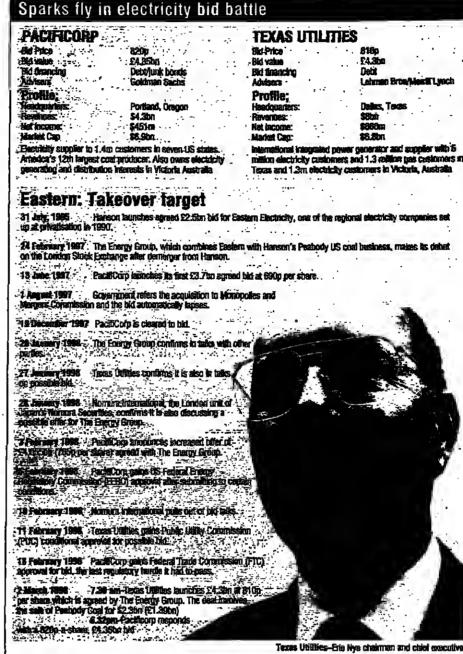
Mr Nye said he was confident that the bid would escape an MMC referral. Texas, he said, had agreed to abide by all the conditions attached by the Office of Fair Trading to a PacifiCorp takeover of Energy Group. Texas executives have briefed

Eric Nye, chairman of Texas, the electricity regulator, and a number of MPs on the bid. But they have not sought any formal Texas wants to keep Energy

changes hands.

Group's senior management on board although there are doubts about whether Mr Devaney will stay long-term once ownership

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SmithKline told to find partner

By Andrew Yates

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SmithKline Beecham faces an uphill struggle to convince its shareholders that it should remain independent in the wake of the collapse of merger talks with fellow drugs giant Glaxo

A number of fund managers yesterday called on the group to seek other merger partners to recoup the value lost from the termination of the Glaxo deal. Meanwhile. Glaxo Well-

come is to continue to lobby its shareholders to support a nopremium bid for SmithKline, despite the fact that institutions are divided on the merits of such a deal, it emerged yesterday. Several large institutional

shareholders are willing to support such a hostile bid, but others believe the potential obstacle of writing off £45bn of condwill which could result from a takeover is too much to overcome.

Glaxo has ruled out the idea of offering a large premium for SmithKline after an outcry from some of its largest shareholders which have indicated they would resist such a move. They are against such a hid as it will destroy much of the extra value that could result from a merger.

Glaxo's advisers are understood to be confident they can overcome the goodwill problem by structuring the deal to avoid

liabilities. Another idea suggested by investors would be to produce separate accounts, one stating the "clean" underlying earnings figures and another including the effect of goodwill write-offs.

"We want our £15bn of value back and we will consider any way to get it," said one shareholder in both SmithKline and Glaxo. Both companies face a testing time over the coming weeks in their attempts to justify the breakdown in talks. It seems clear that the future of Jan Leschly, chief executive of SmithKline, and Sir Richard Sykes, chairman of Glaxo, will be called into doubt if they cannot give dispel the feeling among many institutions that the collapse of the merger had more to do with a clash of egos than management culture.

"If they cannot give us a good reason why this deal broke down we could call on the nonexecutives to assert their authority and maybe we could still get a merger," said one shareholder. However, other institutions believe all hopes for a deal are dead.

WH Smith linked with bid for Menzies

By Nigel Cope

RIVAL BIDDERS including WH Smith are thought to have entered the fray for the retail business of John Menzies which was put up for sale in January. Alchemy, the venture capital . group, was front runner to buy the chain in a deal worth around £55m. However, it is understood that the sale has been delayed by two rival suitors which have come in with higher offers.

There was speculation yes-

could include WH Smith as well stores in the US to American group's head office and syneras retailers from continental Europe. Forbouys and T&S Stores may also be interested.

WH Smith would not comment on any possible interest in John Menzies saying it was simply "market rumour". However, the deal would make sense as Smiths is Menzies' main rival and is selling off several businesses to concentrate on its core high street chain and its news distribution operation.

miths will announce today terday that the other bidders the sale of its The Wall music savings via the closure of the railway stations and airports.

group Camelot for £28m. Last week it agreed to sell its Waterstooe's books husiness to a consortium headed by Tim Waterstone for £300m, It also intends to sell its stake in Virgin

Our Price, the music retailer. The purchase of the 232 John Menzies stores would strengthen Smiths' position on the high street and increase its market share in its preferred markets such as books and stationery. It could achieve cost

gies through greater huying

run into competition problems because of the powerful positions of the two retailers in the newspaper and magazines markets. Though Smiths is keen to expand in these sectors, the competition authorities may regard a Smiths-Menzies deal as restricting consumer choice. If Smiths bought Menzies it would | flected in the current market also be the dominant player in

operations. shumped to a low of 137p, down from a 307p in May, Sir Colin said: "The demergers and divestments are designed to deliver to shareholders the true

Inchcape plans split-up to halt shares slump

By Peter Thal Larsen

Inchcape, the distribution and marketing group, yesterday announced plans to break itself into three parts in an attempt to reverse the recent slide in its share price.

The company, which has heen hit by upheaval in its Asian markets, plans to spin off its Latin American Coca-Cola bottling operations and its Asian marketing division as separate companies, leaving Inchcape to concentrate on its main motor distribution husiness.

At the same time, Inchcape said it was in talks to sell its Russian bottling operations, which have been suffering heavy losses, to Coca-Cola,

Its shipping husiness has also been put up for sale as part of the plans which will see it sell or spin off about 20 per cent of its

After the disposals and denance director, will leave the company. Sir Colin Marshall will stay on as chairman of the remaining motors business, which will retain the Inchcape name.

The demergers complete a huge restructuring programme initiated by Sir Colin when he took over the helm of the company two years ago. In that time. Inchcape has sold Bain Hogg, the insurance broker. and its testing services busioess, and spent millions reorganising its remaining

However, the shares have failed to respond to the changes. When the Asian crisis hit they underlying value of the Group, which we do not believe is re-

Mr Cushing said that the

complexity of Incheape's three businesses had confused investors, "Removing the cloak of diversity will allow shareholders to make more in-

formed decisions." The City welcomed the move, pushing the shares up 22.5p to 211p on the news. Analysis calculated that, valued independency, the three businesses produced a sum of the parts valuation of at least 250p per Inchcape share. "It's quite revolutionary," said Tony Shepard, analyst with Greig Middleton & Co. "Obviously there is value there and they are hoping to realise it."

Incheape plans to float the Latin American bottling operations on the Chilean stock exchange later this year. Mr Cushing said the move made sense because the Chilean Stock Exchange already plays host to several similar businesses, all of which trade on price/earnings mergers are completed oext multiples "in the 20s." Last year, Philip Cushing the chief year, Inchcape's bottling unit though this included £17m of start-up losses in Russia.

Inchcape acknowledged that British shareholders, who own 80 per cent of the company's shares, would probably not want to own shares in firms listed in Chile and Asia. However, the company said it would do "whatever is necessary" to make sure that shareholders could participate in the companies. And analysts said that a flotation may not he occessary, as Incheape might be able to sell the husinesses to trade buyers.

Inchcape's board first discussed splitting the company up last year, after deciding to concentrate on the main motor distribution operations. Asked why he had effectively worked himself out of a juh, Mr Cushing said: "When I took over I expected to be in charge for many years. But I have to accept the conclusion that we oo longer need a chief executive."

Fresh focus leads BTR to sell global packaging business for £2.2bn

Terry Macalister.

BTR vesterday took another big step in its attempt to refocus itself from a conglomerate to an engineering group with the sale of its global packaging husiness for £2.2bn.

Ian Strachan, the chief executive, who reports annual resuits for BTR on Thursday, also unveiled a higher-thanexpected £2bn share buyback scheme for his hard-pressed investors. He believed the company had turned the credibility corner adding "any significant move like this begins to restore shareholder confidence".

The moves sent shares racing ahead 25.5p to 187p but City analysts said more needed to be done completely to rehabilitate a company which had issued five profit warnings in three years.

BTR won a strong price for the sale of its glass and plastic packaging business to Owens-Illinois Inc of the US. Strachan said it was double what many people had expected but others gave the credit to Goldman Sachs who arranged it.

The disposal, which should be completed in April, follows the sale of BTR's polymer division in November to a management buyout for £515m.

clude the Rockware bottling business in Britain, the ACI glass business in Australia and the Continental PET packaging operation in the US.

The worldwide packaging husiness, which generated £250m profit to December 1996, can only he sold once relevant regulatory approval is given in the various countries. The company intends to

return its £1.5bn to shareholders in the first half of this year with the remaining £0.5bo expected to be handed over following the abolition of ACT in 1999. Earlier there had under consideration for the the value of its shares.

The packaging operations in- been speculation that BTR building products business in and £1.5bn to investors. Mr Strachan said: "The pro-

posed return of capital reflects the continued commitment to an efficient capital structure, consistent with BTR's need to have resources available for [eogineering] investment."

He added that BTR was ahead with scheduled divestmeot programme with half of the proposed asset sales completed and the rest mainly targeted to go before the end of

An initial public offering is

might may back between £1bn the US and Australia while the other major disposal vietim is Formica, based to Cincinnati. But it has not been all disposals.

In October the company spent £361m buying Exide Electronics a US-based manufacturer of power supply systems. The move failed to boost a sagging share price.

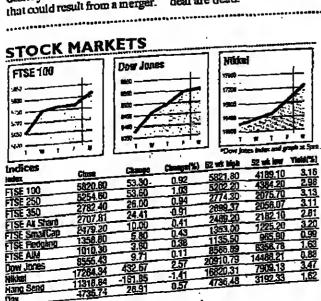
Last December BTR warned that second half results would be hit by the strength of sterling and economie downturns in the Far East and South America. This wiped £1hn off

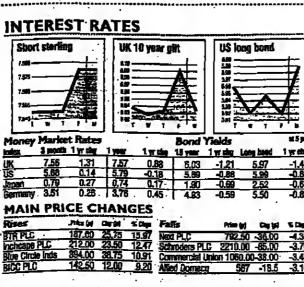
Most analysts expect Thursday's results to show pre-tax profits of a shade over the £1bn mark compared with £1.3bn ast time.

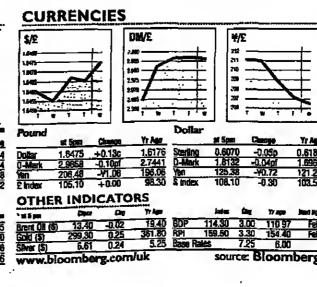
But one said: "With BTR's record you never take anything for granted."

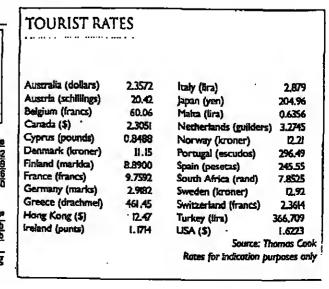
Most City forecasters expect a very slight deterioration in 1998 results over 1997 figures. BTR watchers say the company's management will only he treated more favourably wheo it not only completes its sales programme but also shows that it can run a going concern at a

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Inchcape plans more reforms

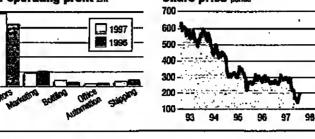
SIR COLIN MARSHALL bardly looks like a dangerous radical. But since he took over the chair at Incheape two years ago the distributor has been in a state of permanent revolution. First chief executive Charles Mackay walked the plank, clutching a large payoff. He was replaced by Philip Cushing, who embarked on a whirlwind restructuring programme. Insurance broker Bain Hogg and the testing services arms were sold off, the dividend axed and the company spent £55m cutting jobs.

Just when the company seemed to he running normally, the Asian bubble burst, hammering its marketing and motor distribution businesses in the Far East. The result was that the share suggest a break-up value north of price, which had been perking up. 250p a share. Given the shares yesterhalved in less than four months.

even more radical. Having slimmed investors to overlook the expected 8 per Incheape down to three divisions - cent drop in profits, to £165m, this year. motors, marketing and bottling - the Bearing in mind that in these situations next step is to break them up. So the it's always better to travel hopefully, Latin American Coca-Cola bortling op- worth getting on for the ride. crations will get a listing on the Chilean Stock Exchange, where several similar companies already trade on mouth- M&C books in a watering ratings. The Russian bottling husiness, which has sucked up cash in 30% profits rise the past three years, will be sold to Coca-Cola. And in 1999, when Asian

business. The shipping husiness, for another 19p to 508.5p. which expressions of interest have been received, should also be sold quickly. cerned that the hotel boom would soon Back of the envelope calculations run out of steam. In London the





day closed at 211p, up 22.5p, there's Sir Colin's response has been to be enough value hidden in Incheape for

markets have calmed down, the mar- INVESTORS who booked into keting businesses will be demerged. Millennium & Copthorne when it The result is that Inchcape will be-floated nearly two years ago have had come a pure motor group. Whether UK a very happy stay. In that time the investors want to be handed shares in shares have risen more than 80 per cent. companies listed in Chile and the Far Yesterday it showed it had been able East is a moot point. But it may not to shake off the effects of the strong come to that. After all, Bain Hogg was pound and the Asian crisis on the supposed to spun off until insurance British tourist market by announcing group Aon came in with a hid, and a 32 per cent rise in 1997 pre-tax prof-Coca-Cola may try to huy the entire its to £50.2m, causing the shares to rise

Last year some analysts were con-

prospect of 10,000 new rooms threatened to swamp the market. But while it is true the market will struggle to maintain the heady growth levels of the last few years, there are still no signs of the huge increase in hotel capacity that caused the industry's downfall in the late 1980s. And the millennium celehrations will give the sector a further boost next year.

Not that M&C has to rely on the from its refurbishment programme within 12 months. Its move into conferencing and the business market is a succosts is continuing to help margins.

However, M&C will find it harder to increase occupancy rates, which are already very strong. To maintain its growth rate into the next century it will ing up targets in Europe and North America. Both its Millennium four star hotels and Copthorne mid-market hrands have great potential overseas. require the group to issue new equity.

Charterhouse Tilney forecasts current year profits of £59.5m putting the

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shares on a prospective p/e ratio of 17. It is not time to check out of the shares. Under the new leadership of John Wilson, the highly respected former head of Hilton International, the group promises much. But at this price there is little room for disappointment and the stock looks about right for now.

Dull outlook for Billiton shares

SOUTH-EAST Asian woes have given mining shares a real bashing. Billiton, the base metals group spun off last July from Gencor, the South African conglomerate, is no exception.

Billiton has been ground down on the London market from a flotation price of 220p to 149p by the end of last week. But vesterday the shares recovered 9.5p to 158.5p as it announced profits for the six months to December up 47 per cent to \$249m (£151m) on the back of a 10 per cent turnover increase to \$3.04bn.

Billiton is directly affected by weak commodity prices and 27 per cent of its business goes to Japan and Asia. The group benefited in the last six months from good prices on aluminium, titahotel cycle for further growth. Typically, nium minerals and base metal prices. the group is getting a 15 per cent return But Billiton admits aluminium prices are now coming under pressure.

Confidence could be built by some well-placed acquisitions. Most natural cessful strategy and a tight control on resource companies are cheap at present, particularly in Asia. But as Brian Gilbertson, Billiton's chief executive, put it yesterday, making choice acquisitions is "easy to say and very difficult to pull off".

It is already planning to increase its have to look for acquisitions. It is eye- stake in the Mozal aluminium smelter scheme in Mozamhique but the hig prize lies in Venezuala, where Billiton is hidding for privatised state assets.

It is up against tough competition But any sizeable deal would probably and Billiton is a cautious company that does not want to pay too much. So the picture remains a dull, as does the out-

Soaring credit leaves City divided on rates

By Diane Coyle Economics Editor

The latest figures before this week's meeting of the Bank of England's Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) left a question mark hanging over interest rates yesterday. With a record increase in consumer credit in January on the one hand, and a slowdown in manufacturing activity to the weakest pace since May 1996 on the other. City opinion was divided about whether the MPC should or would increase the cost of borrowing.

David Mackie, UK economist at JP Morgan, said: "Although growth has slowed, it probably hasn't slowed enough. The Bank is definitely on track to raise interest rates again."

In the other camp. Robert Barrie at CSFB said: "Rates ought to be left well alone. Inflation is low and monetary conditions are tight enough."

The opposing views could each claim support from yesterday's figures. January saw new consumer credit climb to £1.3hn, the highest since records began in April 1993.

Mortgage lending was a shade weaker during the month. leaving total personal borrowing nearly unchanged from December, at £3.2bn. Its annual growth, which has picked up in

Consumer boom

recent months, was also the same at 7.5 per cent.

Other Bank of England figures showed that the annual growth of both the narrow money measure M0, and its main component, cash, increased in February. M0 growth, at 7.2 per cent, has returned to its highest since November 1996.

The strength of credit, like recent retail sales figures, pointed to home demand remaining other hand, the Fehruary survey of manufacturing from the Chartered Institute of Pur- in January and February. chasing and Supply painted a

subdued picture of industry. Output grew at an unchanged rate but the overall index of activity dipped to 51.2 from 51.8 in January, Although still above the key 50 level, the

Industrial decline

PMI manufacturing orders index

were down while growth in home demand tailed off.

The new orders component of the index therefore tell sharply to 50.7. only just increasing. Only consumer goods bucked the trend, with orders jumping.

The threat to manufacturing was highlighted by the pound yesterday. It brushed close to the DM3 level before falling back to just under DM2.99.

The Bank's announcement too strong for comfort. On the is due on Thursday, and most analysts expect the MPC votes to be split again, as they were

Some of the pundits who do expect the Bank to increase interest rates reckon it will not happen this week, bowever. Waiting another month would give the MPC some important data for the first quarter of 1998 survey showed export orders on which to base their decision.

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Tesco signs £420m deal with British Land

By Nigel Cope

TESCO and British Land are creating a £420m property joint venture to manage developments of superstores and shopping centres. It is the second such deal signed between the two companies and will enable Tesco to concentrate on its superstore husiness while the joint venture looks after property related issues.

It follows a similar deal between British Land and Great Universal Stores a year ago, under which GUS' £900m property portfolio was injected into a joint venture vehicle in return also valued at a combined

In this case Tesco is contributing seven shopping centre developments, including the venture will help hedge Tesco Woodfield Retail Park in Bury and the Beaumont Leys centre in Leicester as well as two centres in Northern Ireland.

Tesco had acquired the

schemes as a means of gaining the best sites in the centres but did not intend to hold them have a combined value of £120m. British Land is con-

for £220m and a 50 per cent stake. £120m. British Land acquired the stores via a sale and leaseback deal with Tesco. The joint against rent reviews. Under the terms of the 50:50 partnership British Land will also make a bal-

ancing cash payment to Tesco. The joint venture plans to build extensions to the Beaumont Leys shopping centre. Weston Favell in Northampton longer term. The seven centres and the Kingston Centre in Milton Keynes.

Tesco shares closed 2.5p tributing the freehold of five higher at 519p. British Land Tesco superstores which are rose 25p to 760p.

plans return of £45m to shareholders

PERKINS FOODS boosted its shares yesterday with the sale of its fresh produce business and plans to return £45.4m to investors. The company said it had got an attractive price for the business, which it has agreed to sell to Dutch produce marketing group Greenery International for £123.6m. Perkins' shares rose by more than 10 per cent,

ending the day at 138.5p, up 13p. The company said the deal would enable it to develop its faster-growing chilled and frozen food divisions around Europe, where it already supplies 15 of the top supermarket groups, including Tesco and J Sainsbury.

Ian Blackhurn, deputy chief executive, said Perkins was not only getting a very good price for the division, regarded historically as the lower quality one, but would have ample resources to invest in the remaining two, even after giving money back to investors.

"We are a smaller husiness but should be much faster growing," said Mr Blackburn, who will take over from the current chief executive Howard Phillips when he retires at the annual meeting. Mr Blackburn was hopeful Perkins could obtain shareholder and regulatory approvals for the deal by the end of the month.

Plans for the chilled foods business include a new prepacked, sliced cooked meats factory in the UK and the acquisition of a chilled readymeal business in France, which Perkins hopes to finalise by the end of March.

Chilled ready meals, pioneered in Britain, were growing in popularity in the Netherlands and France, Mr Blackburn said.

The chilled food division comprises Dutch convenience foods and UK cooked meats.

The firm also reported a 19 per cent rise in its 1997 profits and increased its total dividend payment to 4.6p a share from 4.5p last time. Group sales rose to £626.8m from £466.2m.

Perkins Foods | Unauthorised trades land brokers with £10,000 fines

PRUDENTIAL-BACHE International and four employees were fined by the International Petrolcum Exchange (IPE) yesterday for unauthorised gas oil trades. The fined brokers were named as Keith Barker, Gary Lambeth, Stuart Ditcham and Ian Baker. The statement said each broker acted in a way that was liable to bring the Exchange into disrepute. The IPE said Barker and Lambeth had tried to take advantage of a client's order for their own benefit, while Ditcham and Baker had manipulated, or attempted to manipulate prices. The IPE fined Mr Barker a total of £10,100 pounds, Mr Lambeth £10,000, Mr Ditcham £1,000 and Mr Baker £1,000 pounds. Prudential-Bache was fined £1,000.

Banks set for EU go-ahead

UBS and SBC, the two Swiss banks, expect to receive European Commission clearance for their merger tomorrow. A UBS spokesperson said she did not expect the Commission to impose any conditions that would damage the banks' competitiveness. The two banks announced their decision to merge in December.

Thomson buys FT books unit

PEARSON, the media company that owns the Financial Times newspaper, has sold its FT Law and Tax publishing unit for £70m to Thomson Corporation of Canada. Pearson said the sale was part of a reorganisation of its information unit around the Financial Times brand. The company also named Stephen Hill, chief executive officer of the Financial Times newspaper, as the information unit's chief executive. Pearson's shares rose 3p to 908p.

SocGen sells bonds division

SOCIETE GENERALE (SocGen), the French bank, has sold Hambros' bond husiness to the Royal Bank of Canada. The terms of the deal were not disclosed. SocGen's £300m acquisition of Hambros' core banking operations, including the 150-strong honds division, was completed last Friday.

Thomas under negotiation

COMPANY RESULTS

BRITT ALLCROFT, the company behind Thomas the Tank Engine, is in advanced talks with Reed International for the possible acquisition of the underlying rights in The Railway Series of books by the Rev W Awdry. The company already has an exclusive licence of the world-wide TV, video and character licensing rights in the series, which includes Thomas the Tank Engine, until 2011.

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OUTLOOK ON US BIDS FOR UK RECS. HOW RICHARD HESELTINE WAS HOUNDED OUT AT OIT AND **INCHCAPE'S** PLANNED BREAK-UP

Eastern promise brings on a bidding war

WHO said that the Americans' appetite for British electricity companies was on the wane? Two bids in a day for Eastern, the biggest of them all, shows that not even the threat of a profit cap has dulled the taste of the US utilities. While Margaret Beckett, President of the Board of Trade, ponders the situation, shareholders in Energy Group. Eastern's parent company, can sit back and enjoy the ride.

PacifiCorp, which popped out of the Oregon woods with an 820p offer last night, bagging 8.6 per cent of the company in the process, already has regulatory clear-ance. Texas Utilities, which bid 810p earlier in the day, does not. But unless Mrs Blockit can come up with a plausible excase for packing Texas Utilities off to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission (dislike of the Dallas Cowboys is not suf-

ficient grounds), then it is open season. Energy group's shareholders cannot believe their luck. Nine months ago the business was worth only 561p a share. Not much has changed since then. It still consists of a bombed out US coal business and a British ntility facing an unpleasant regulatory outlook. And yet the group is worth 45 per cent more.

The official position last night from the Texas camp was that it is considering of US based arts bought into the trust and whether to come back with a higher offer. Erle Nye, the Texas chairman, may be a simple soul (aw shucks, I'm just a country boy in the City). But even be can see that the auction has to stop sometime.

Long-term interest rates bave fallen since the bidding auction began last June, which means the Americans can debt fibe close to overpaying and putting a mighty strain on their balance sheets. Which ever bidder wins this one will need to be regplated like a bawk to make sure Eastern is not raided to pay the price.

Small holders lose out in trust hunt

INVESTMENT TRUSTS are hardly yet an endangered species. At The Independent, and in most other national newspapers, more listings of investment trusts are carried than for any other sector. Even so, these usually moffensive creatures are being hunted as never before. Nor are we talking here about the relatively harmless antics of the countryside alliance. The hunters in this case are arbitrageurs, generally of the overseas variety, and they come armed not with horse and hound but with kalashnikovs and magnums.

The latest investment trust to fall victim to their money making ends is Overseas Investment Trust, a £200m trust managed by Morgan Grenfell Trust Management. Just before Christmas, a group forced the board to bring forward proposals for unitising its assets. Yesterday the trust's chairman, Richard Heseltine, resigned in disgust, saying he could play no further part in the process. What's going on here?

There's nothing new in what OIT is being subjected to. Nearly all investment trusts trade at a discount to their net as-

nance higher offers. But even so they must set value. That discount can be eliminated through unitisation. A turn is to be had by forcing the process. How big a turn depends on the size of the discount.

> The curious thing about this trust is that it is so small. Normally, arbs target poorly performing trusts which trade at big discounts. But actually OIT hasn't done badly at all in recent years, consistently recording double-digit gains in capital value. The arbs were therefore forced to buy in at a discount of just 9 per cent. By the time liquidation costs are taken into account, they are unlikely to end up with any more than half that -- hardly, it might be thought, worth the time value of the investment. Still, if there's a dime in be had, an arb would sell his own grandmother to get it, and since this is the free market, why not?

One reason is that unitisation or liquidation is generally not in the best interests of ordinary, long-term investment trust shareholders. Because investment trusts have independent boards of directors, whose job it is to safeguard the interests of shareholders, their ongoing management costs are generally much lower than a unit trust, whose purpose is that of earning fees Take the example of Kleinwort Benson

Overseas Investment Trust, which is also being unitised, again under pressure from arbs. The trust's annual management charge was a half a per cent of the assets. The Save and Prosper unit trust that will replace it will charge one and a quarter per cent. Furthermore, the new unit trust will invest predominantly in investment trusts, in effect doubling up on the cost of asset

management. The discount may disappear, but it is not clear this compensates longterm investors for the many countervailing advantages of investment trust status,

There's a wider point too. OIT was established so that British investors could invest overseas - not to enable overseas arbs to invest in Britain, strip out the discount and then ship it back to the Bahamas. There's not obviously anything that can be done about all this, but it's a rum old business all the same.

Veicro company comes of age

WE LIVE in the age of the Velcro company, a stick 'em together, pull 'em apart world which must be as confusing to the uninitiated as it is logical to the investment banker with his annual bonus to think about. As busily as some companies are merging and consolidating, others are demerging and divesting. Some companies, such as BAT Industries and BTR, seem to be doing both at the same time.

It was Inchcape's turn yesterday to announce a break-up. In an act of selfless sacrifice, this one actually involves the chief executive and the finance director doing themselves out of a job, something of a first. Don't feel too sorry for them though. They'll get a big fat bonus and pay-off for their trouble. So will the investment bankers that put these conglomerates together in the rolling 1980s.

That said, there's plainly industrial and

investment logic in what's going on. The commercial pressure for consolidation and "focus" in industry comes primarily not from management and investment bankers, but from ever more demanding investors and customers. Investors want the greatest possible efficiency in use of their capital.

That in turn requires a degree of clurity and management purpose which is impossible in a group of many different businesses. In a conglomerate, the rate uf return becomes fudged and obfuscated it is possible for the poor performance of one business to hide behind the better performance of another.

The pressure for consolidation goes hand in hand with that of focus. The world becomes ever more competitive. The speed of innovation and enhancement is said to be greater than at any time this century. At the same time there is persistent downward pressure on prices. Consolidation allows corporations to counter these pressures with economies of scale.

It is indicative of how powerful these arguments are that even those of us who believe competition and diversity to be the best guarantee of the wider public interest, accept the inevitability of the process. All the same, we need to be a bit careful bere. Most of us swallowed the now discredited arguments for diversification with equal enthusiasm. This time round it seems to be more than just fashion which drives the process. None the less, much of what is now being done in the name of focus and consolidation will turn out to have been equally misguided. Of that there

Bank at your 'virtual branch in the wall'

By Lea Paterson

In 2010, the global banking industry will be controlled by a bandful of customer-friendly financial conglomerates. Banking services will be provided via PCs and telephones, cash dispensers will become "virtual branches in the wall" and, unless they pull their socks up today's high street clearers will be soundly beaten by the "new banks" such as M& S and Virgin.

These were just some of the conclusions of 10 senior industry figures asked by the Centre for the Study of Financial Innovation (CSFI) to set down their vision of the banking industry in the new millennium.

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Herb Aspbury, bead of Chase Manhattan's European operations, said there was bound to be consolidation in the industry. "There are far too many of us, trying to do exactly the same things with exactly the same counterparties. One way of dealing with the excess capacity is to keep merging with one's competitors," he said.

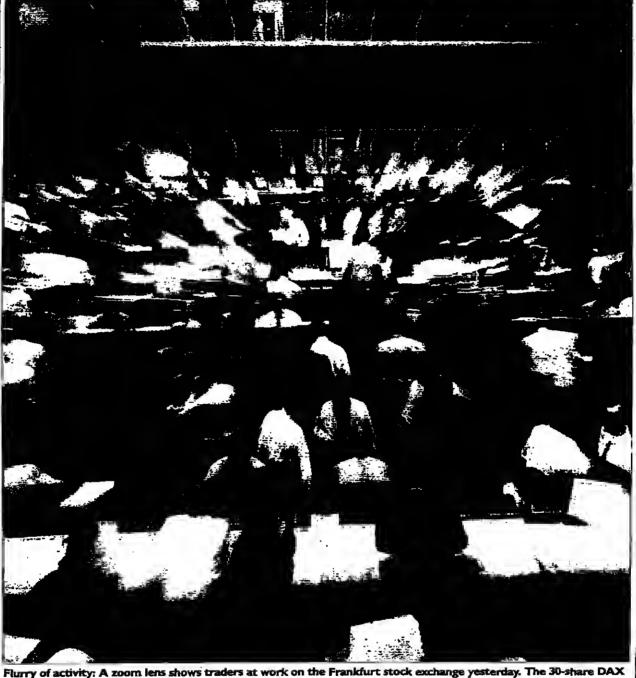
There is unlikely to be a cross-border merger of "any great magnitude" in the near future, said Mr Aspbary. However, when the cross-border merger wave does start, Chase will certainly play a part in it. "There is scope for co-ordi-

nation between Chase and a European bank," be said, adding, "We [Chase] look at

Peter Birch, who last week stepped down as chief executive of Abbey National, also predicted consolidation would vecp through the financial services industry over the next 10 years. He said the distinction between banks, building societies and insurance companies would become increasingly blurred, resulting in the emergence of a few large banking congiomerates.

For Mr Birch said the key question was not whether consolidation would take place, but whether the traditional players would continue to provide banking services. According to Mr Birch, new entrants into the industry, such as the supermarkets, would succeed in winning sizeable chunks of market

Some of the industry figures consulted by CSFI believe banks as we know them will virtually disappear. According to Peter Cochrane, head of research at BT, "the modest ATM [cash dispenser] of today could well become the virtual branchin-the-wall of tomorrow". If today's providers of banking services are going to survive, they must change and move on, Mr Cochrane said.



Index ended bourse trade up 26.9t points at 4,736.74

Inflation soars to 23-year high in Indonesia

INDONESIA'S inflation rate accelerated to 32 per cent in February - its highest in 23 years - as the devaluation of . drought drove prices for food and clothing bigher, the Central Bureau of Statistics said yesterday.

government's full-year inflation a light on how much the countarget of 20 per cent out of reach, and predicted prices would have risen by 50 per cent or more by the end of the year.

"The threat of byper inflation is very real, and puts market attention back on the urgency of measures needed to address this," ANZ Investment Bank wrote in a report yesterday. The annual inflation rate accelerated from 18.07 per cent in the previous mooth as the consumer price index, the key measure of inflation, rose to 255.06 points from 193.59 in February of last year. The monthly change in the index jumped to 12.76 per cent in February from January, compared with January's 6.9 per cent rise from December. Consumer prices rose just 1.07 percent in Fcbruary of 1997.

Analysts said the government's official figures tend to understate price rises. "This is just the reported figure, can you imagine what it's really tike out in the villages?" said Jimmy Kob, a regional econ-

omist at Independent Economic Analysis in Singapore. "I was looking at 50 per cent for the full year before this the rupiah and a lingering number. Now I'll probably revise it higher."

There was little relief in sight for Indonesia, which has been battered by the 73 per Analysts said the rate of in- cent decline in the rupiab in flation had put the Indonesian the past year, which has cast try has relied on imported

> Cbicken breeders have gone out of businesses because they can't afford imported chicken feed anymore, drug prices bave started to soar and aluminium soda cans, which are made with imported metal. are in sbort supply.

State electricity company PT Perusahaan Listrik Umum Negara says it cannot afford to pay full price for the coal and natural gas it uses to fire its plants and has warned it could go out of business if the government doesn't allow it to almost doubte electricity prices soon.

The rising price of power will in turn be reflected in almost every good manufactured here.

In February, food prices rose 16.07 per cent from the previous month, housing prices rose 10.03 per cent. clothing and textile costs rose 15.62 per cent and service and prices of service and trade rose 9.3 per cent.

Next shares dive as Wolfson announces plans to depart

By Niget Cope City Correspondent

SHARES in Next, the fashion retailer, fell sharply yesterday when the company announced its chairman Lord Wolfson of Sunningdale is to step down as chairman after the annual moeting in May. The shares shed 36p to 792.5p even though the group announced that Sir Brian Pitman, chairman of Lloyds TSB, the hanking group, has been appointed a non-executive director and will move up to the chair on Lord Wolfson's departure. Lord Wolfson bas been chairman of Next since 1990

and, together with its chief executive David Jones, succeeded in bringing the company back from the brink of financial disaster. Since 1990 the shares have risen from 12.5p as Next became a retail powerhouse and a constituent of the FTSE 100.

Analysts said the fall in Next shares was due in part to disappointment that a merger between Next and Great Universal Stores, where Lord Wolfson is also chairman, had diminished. However, one retail analyst said: "The share price fall is a bit of a surprise as it was expected that Lord Wolfson would step down before long and not many people really believed that GUS was going to bid for Next anyway." Other analysts said the market was looking for an excuse to take profits. Lord Wolfson was appointed

chairman of GUS in September and is embroiled in a £1.6bn hos- Lord Wolfson: Will step tile bid for Argos. GUS has also paid £1bn for Experian, the US database group, and signed a £900m property joint venture with British Land. The increasing activity of GUS in the corporate arena has made it difficult for Lord Wolfson to remain as chairman of both companies.

down as chairman in May

a riding accident and that there was nothing untoward about

shares was due to the departure bead of womenswear buying. However, analysts said Ms Santell had left late last year after

of Hilary Santell, the group's

There was speculation yesterday that the wobble in Next ber departure.

LIG looks to expand Durex market in Chinese joint venture by state-owned factories and givpany. The Chinese partner is Chi-

By Teresa Poole

THE WORLD'S higgest condom manufacturer has set its sights on the worki's largest potential market London International Group (LIG) yesterday announced the establishment of China's first condom joint venture, a Durex manufacturing operation aimed at the growing number of relatively wealthy young urban couples who are limited to one child under the country's strict family planning policies.

Condom usage in China is low, accounting for 4 per cent of contraceptive use. Almost all the 1.22 billion condoms produced annually in China are unbranded products manufactured

en away free to married couples. The commercial retail condom market is limited and it is difficult for Chinese to obtain condoms if they are unmarried.

Under yesterday's agreement, LIG will invest \$3.5m (£1.8bm) for a 50 per cent share in the joint venture company, Quandao London International Latex Com-

na's second-biggest state condom manufacturer, based in Qingdao. Shandong province. LIG will bring in the latest technology and a management team, with an initial planned production of 158 million Durex condoms a year, of which 20 per cent must be exported and the rest sold in Chi-

Dunloe wins Ewart with chairman's aid

THE CHAIRMAN of Ewart, the property company at the centre of a three-way bidding war, yesterday split with the rest of his board and accepted the 81p a share offer from Dunloe House for his 16 per cent stake in the company. Brian O'Connor said his

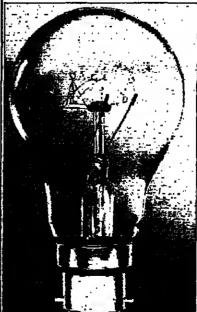
acceptance of the offer would provide certainty to sbarebolders as, together with Dunloe's shares and acceptances, it would give Dunloe a majority of the shares in Ewart.

Dunice already has control of, or bas received acceptances for, about 35 per cent of Ewart's shares, including the 26 per cent stake held by Dunloe chairman Noel Smyth. An added 16 per cent would

tip Dunloe over the 50 per cent level it needed to gain control The acrimonious battle for

control of Ewart saw Dunioe and Moyne each put in two bids. The Ewart board yesterday recommended sharebolders reject the Dunloe offer and accept the Moyne offer. Both bids value Ewart at about

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Halifax soars on hopes of more cash windfalls

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screens. The building societycum-mortgage bank surged to a peak, up 31p at 977p. At one time the shares stood at

Hopes of a bumper payout when the group reports year's figures today were behind the

There is talk that besides an 18 per cent dividend increase to 17.5p, Halifax will spray as among its shareholders. It is stuffed with cash -

perhaps as much as £4bo above its needs. Some suggest it will accompany its figures, underlying profits should be up 15 per ceot at £1.64bn, with a predatory strike. A host of would-be targets

have been mentioned, ranging from unit trust group M&G to a £12on share exchange assault on Norwich Union, the insurer which, like Halifax, floated last

peak, up 7p at 523p (after prices.

The rest of the stock market stretched to new highs with Footsie closing for the first time above 5,800 points.

The search for shares overlooked in the long bull run recent round of corporate actico as well as rumours of more to come, a firm New much as 40p a share in the York opening and the feeling form of a special dividend interest rates will be pegged again this week were other

> by two significant Pootsie price. upgrades. SG Securities raised its year-end target from 5,350 to 6,000 and Panmure Gordon went from 6,000 to 6,600. Footsie's volatility, how-

ever, was underlined by a late

Optimism was encouraged

25.4 fall, leaving the index 53.3 up at 5,820.6. WPP, the advertising agency, illustrated the way order-driven trading was continuing to heighten the un-

suspended as the market closed with the buying price at 310p against 304p on the sell! side. It seems a spaghettifingered trader pumped in the wrong price and was prekept prices on the boil. The vailed upon to withdraw the community's already overorder during what is known as the "housekeeping" period.

So, after the market had closed, WPP sported not a solitary buy order but a sell at Share spotlight 304p. The last order-driven trade was at 315p and that was regarded as the closing quoted

WPP is oot a Footsie stock

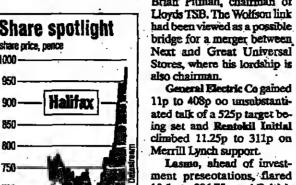
and, therefore, played no part

in the index calculation. BTR. the conglomerate which moved oearer its ambition of becoming a focused eogineering group, was the best performing constituent. After a long, depressing underperformance, it jumped 25.75p to 187p, highest since De-cember, following the £2.2bn

Halifax dominated the dealing Norwich went to another certainty over closing Footsie sale of its packaging operations used to benefit from re-ratings and the promise to return with Blue Circle Industries Dealings in the shares were £2bn to shareholders.

Energy, the Eastern electo Footsie's exuberance, gaining 28p to 806p as Texas Utilities affered £4.3bn in cash, adding to the the investment

flowing cash coffers. Building materials contin-



38.75p higher at 394p. Merger talk lifted Henworth 12.5p to tricity group, also contributed 237.5p and rumoured partner

Marley gained a further 2p to 112.5p. . Next, following the signalled departure of Lord Wolfson of Sunningdale as. running off 18.5p at 567p. chairman, fell 36p to 792.5p. He will be replaced by Sir Brian Pitman, chairman of Lloyds TSB. The Wolfson link had been viewed as a possible

also chairman. General Electric Co gained 11p to 408p oo unsubstantiated talk of a 525p target being set and Rentokil Initial climbed 11.25p to 311p on Merrill Lynch support.

Lasmo, ahead of investment presentations, flared 10.5p to 286.75p and British Petroleum put on 23p to 861p on Salomon Smith Barney

TAKING STOCK

Engineer FKI hardened

15p to 194p as an alleged

stock overhang was cleared;

Rolls-Royce rose 9.5p to 242p

ahead of Thursday's results.

Diageo firmed 14.5p to

638p on reports of a rich

Dewar's sale price with Allied

Domecq, seeming out of the

Spring Ram, the bath-

rooms group reporting today,

added 2.75p to 22.75p on

reports stockbroker Colin

Blackbourn bad picked up 1

per cent. However, it could be

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the response to his 3.1 per cent

shareholding in Tadpole Tech-

nology, did have 1 per cent but

has since sold most of his

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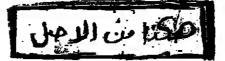
Warner Estates has acquired the 9.5 per cent of the Stockbourne property maoagement group sold by Panther Securities. Stockhourne, formerly Harmooy Leisure, held at 2.75p. It has an £11m joint venture with Warner, off 8p at

British Thornton, the packaging group, was suspended at 25.5p. A software group, Planit, is to be reversed into the company for around £12m, with £9m satisfied by the issue of

Bearing Power, a bearings distributor, rose 4p to 18.5p. It is selling its Canadian operation for £11.2m cash. BP is capitalised at £6.4m.

Fibernet, rolling out a national communications octwork. jumped 15.5p to 201.5p as stockbroker Greig Middletoo forecast it would move into profits with a £6m outcome in. its oext year.





Is the American experience exceptional enough for Wall St?



HAMISH MCRAE **ON HOW** US BULLS HAVE GOT IT WRONG

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IS US business really so exceptional? It is a crucial question because so much of the enthusiasm on Wall Street is founded on the assumption that something special has happened to American companies - that they have somehow made a step change in their efficiency, and that this superior performance will enable the economy to race onwards. A brief visit to the States last week has convinced me that something special has indeed been taking place in the US - but that it is not quite as special as Wall Street seems to think

Anyone who works with the best large US corporations will be aware of the quality of management, the attention to detail, and sheer hard work of the people there. But to say that big US companies are very good and are becoming better is not just an impressionistic judgement: Have a look at the graph on the left. It shows what has been happening to US productivity over the last 25 years, productivity both in manufacturing reasons to expect rather slower and for the non-farm business economy as a whole.

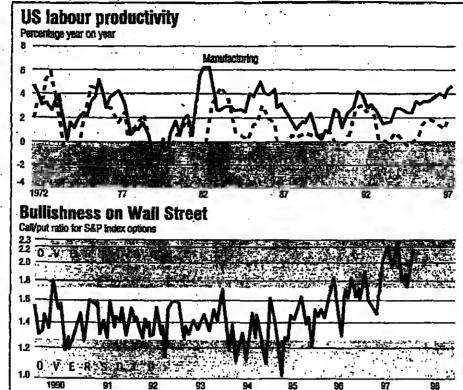
2 per cent and 6 per cent a year through most of the 1980s. remained positive through the early 1990s recession, and then pulled away right through the ensuing boom. It is an astonishing performance, all the more so since productivity in US manufacturing was already higher than anywhere else in the world at the start of the period. It is easy to improve productivity if you are coming from behind, but extremely difficult if you are already far ahead.

The other point is less impressive. If you look at mannfacturing things are terrific. and when we think of large American companies we usually think of manufacturers. If you look at the whole economy, the performance is less wonderful This is the flip side of the amazing ability of the US economy to create jobs: in the service sectors, productivity has not been rising fast, for companies have been tending to meet additional demand not by improving productivity but by taking on more people.

As with all figures, you should take this with a pinch of salt. I suspect that these general productivity numbers fail to take into account improvements in the quality of service that has taken place in the US. As anyone who visits the US regularly will have ooticed, the quality of service continues to improve - but it is very hard to pin this down in the statistics.

Nevertheless, it is clearly much harder to increase productivity in service industries than in manufacturing, which is a problem since only about 18 per cent of US GDP is now generated by manufacturing. So you can see it in the figures. you can have corporate exceptionalism co-existing alongside quite muted productivity growth in the economy as a whole. Looking ahead, there are

growth in the US economy this year - it grew at 4 per cent in A couple of obvious points 1997 and clearly cannot keep emerge. One is that since the that sort of breathless rush go-



least, a slowdown in productivity growth will take place too. How might Wall Street react

Well, I suppose you could say that Wall Street won't care too much. It has been driven by many other things: for example, the high liquidity of the savings institutions and pension funds, expectations of continued good earnings by large companies, by the fall in inflationary expectations and hence in bond yields, or simply the fact that looking round the world there are not many other attractive places to stick the money. I would accept all that, but

still argue that underpinning Wall Street is a sense of general self-confidence, of which confidence in American exceptionalism is an important constituent part. Some figures last week showed that consumer confidence is higher now than it has been for 30 years. performance. It ran at between and that, in the near term at styles than they have been for mance and have opened up an door, credit cards at the ready.

an entire generation. So, in a even bigger gap with those of Euway, it is unsurprising that in- rope and Japan, but still believe vestor sentiment should also be that too much good news have close to record levels too.

That exuberance is charted on the right. There are now two investors buying a call option on US equities for every one buying a put. In other words, twice as many investors think Wall Street will go up as go down. This is close to the record high reached last year: pretty bullish stuff. Merrill Lynch, monitoring this measure of sentiment among others, thinks that prices could surprise on the downside. Certainly, a simple glance at that graph does suggest that this level of bullishness is not sustainable.

So what should we be looking for? I think the difficult thing for Americans in particular to come to terms with will be the possible co-existence of very

been priced into the market. The test will come when things do slow down. Will America Inc use the opportunity of the next slowdown to slim their own operations yet again and hence be able to continue to deliver improved profitability? That there will be a slowdown at some stage is not in doubt. Economies never move back to their trend growth and stick there: they tend to overshoot both on the upside and the down.

The last five years have been relatively easy, for US corporations have been able to increase productivity in a period of strong and sustained growth. The next five will inevitably be harder, for they will have to increase productivity through the next cyclical downturn. That good companies and a less strong can be done, but it will be a stock market. In other words, it severe test for managers, many facturing productivity growth dug out these figures, believes Americans are more confident US corporations have made a member those days when has put in an extremely solid growth this year will slow to tread of their own prospects and life-

PEOPLE & BUSINESS

IOHN WILLCOCK



SARAH EVANS has just joined Ernst & Young as a partner in the accountancy firm's fraud investigation and risk management group, I hear that Sarah, formerly with Price Waterhouse's Forensic Accounting Practice, is married to Jonathan Howell, head of Enforcement and Market Regulation at the London Stock Exchange. Heaven help the milkman who gets their bill wrong.

The recent defection of the Manchester and Liverpool offices from insolvency firm Leonard Curtis has also split two brothers, David and Stephen Swaden.

The Swaden family is from Manchester, and David has ended up as a Liverpool-based insolvency partner, with Stephen in a similar job at Leonard Curtis's London office. Now the 30-odd staff in the two north-western offices of Leonard Curtis have merged with BDO Stoy Hayward, following a difference of opinion about the future direction of the firm.

The brothers insist the split is amicable. David Swaden said last week: "As things stand at the moment size is paramount. BDO is traditionally strong in corporate finance."

I was hoping to get a rise out of Stephen yesterday along the lines of "size isn't everything," but sadly he was out of the office. However, a spokeswoman for assured me Leonard Curtis "cares more about staying independent". The London side of the firm has been

undergoing a changeover at the top in recent weeks. Philip Minnjack, senior partner since 1983, when the original Leonard Curtis retired, has gone off to spend more time on the golf course, to be succeeded by Keith Goodman.

SmithKline Beecham on their failed merger attempt with Glazo Wellcome was one Jeremy Marriage. Perhaps he should use a shotgun

The lawyer from Linklaters who advised

NatWest has swiped William Martin from Barclays Capital to be its new director of group retire oo 31 March after nearly 40 years with

Mr Martin, 41, was previously head of Global Equities Risk Management at Barclays Capital, the scrag end of BZW. Before that he had stints at Hunter Douglas in Switzerland and Chemical Ban, where he worked on treasury functions world-wide for nearly 10 years.

Much as it pains me to give the bearded ballooner more publicity, Richard Branson cracked quite a good joke yesterday. Or at least Rowan Gormley, Virgin Direct's managing director, did.

Mr Gormley recalled that when Virgin Direct launched in 1995, the industry was quick to ridicule index tracking. Roger Cornick, Perpetual's marketing director, even likened Virgin's index-tracking PEP to a Skoda and Perpetual's actively managed PEP to an Aston Martin. The Virgin Direct boss said yesterday:

"Whoops, Roger - your Aston seems to have missed a gear. The Virgin PEP, which tracks the FTSE Actuaries All Share Index, has outperformed every single one of Perpetual's PEPs over the three years since Virgin Direct launched." It turns out the Virgin PEP went up 96 per cent over that period, and the closest a Per-

petual PEP got to that was 95 per cent for the Perpetual Income PEP. To roh salt in the wound, Virgin Direct is offering Mr Cornick the services of a chaffeurdriven Skoda for a week. I couldn't get a re-

sponse from Mr Cornick yesterday. Perhaps he was taking his Aston Martin for a spin. Derek Sach, the director of corporate and institutional banking at Royal Bank of Scotland who has just helped set up Tesco Personal Finance, has been appointed a non-executive

director of Associated British Ports. Mr Sach, 49, has had a more varied career than most commercial bankers. Prior to joining Royal Bank six years ago, he was managing director (UK) of 3i Group. When he moved to the bank he quickly made a name for himself by challenging the fees paid to receivers anpointed by the bank, and even put receiverships out to tender, a move which provoked howls of anguish from the accountancy fraternity.

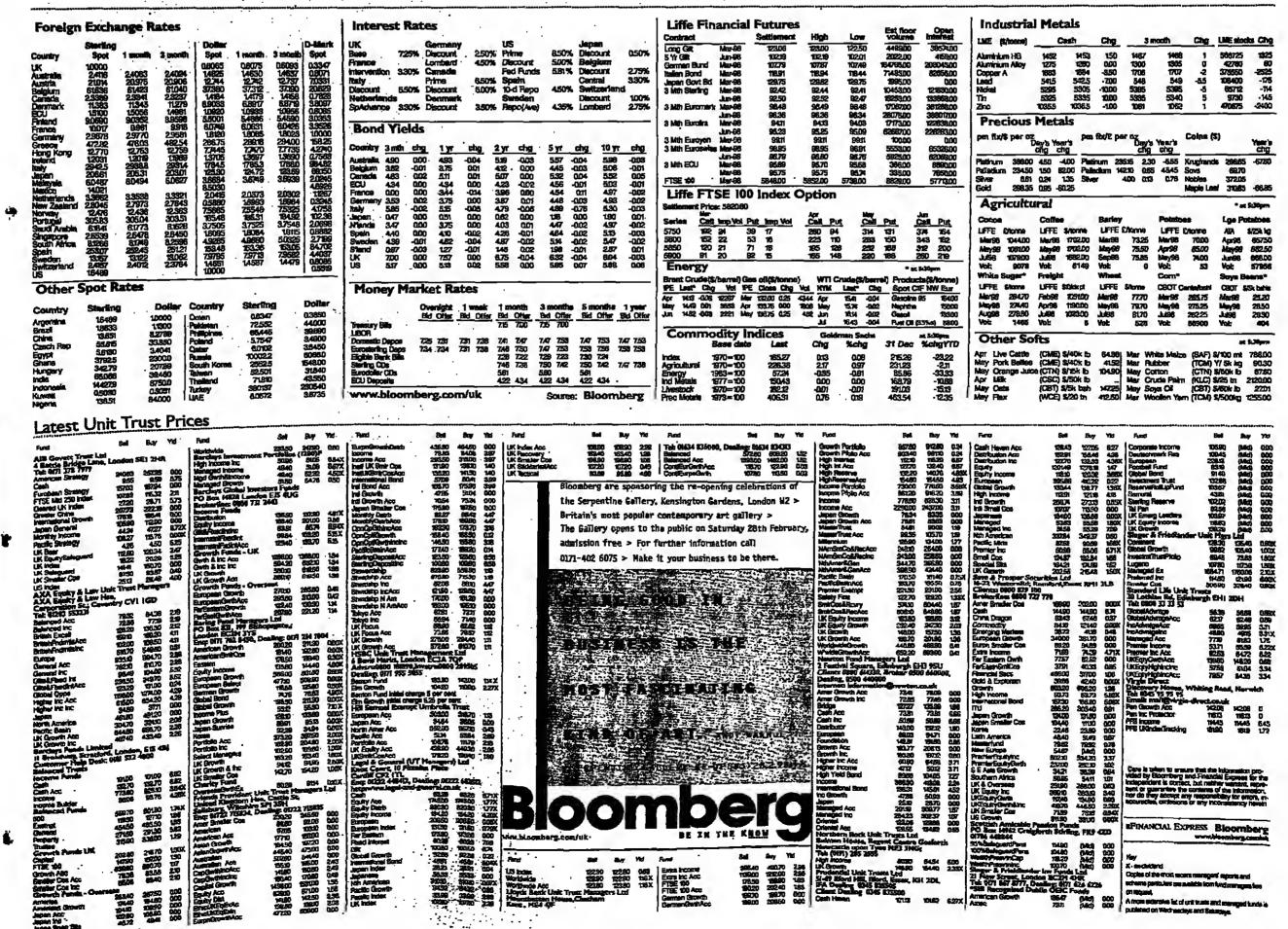
More recently he has been actively involved in filling Tesco stores with lots of orange-coloured booths, in which shoppers are enlightened as to the delights of the Tesco Club Card.

Calluna, a Fife-based maker of hard disk drives, has appointed Ian King as group managing director with effect from this month. George Elliot, currently director of production at Calluna, has been appointed finance director, following the resignation of Donald Macdonald from that post, the company said.

Full Circle Industries said William Rooney resigned as chairman with effect from today. Alan Bell, currently chief executive, becomes executive chairman, it added.

Mr Rooney, who owns 21.13 per cent of the issued share capital of Full Circle, and his children's settlements, which hold another 17.9 per cent, have told the company that these "are long-term shareholdings and will be retained".

The company said in director of the kitchen division, is to join the main board as an executive director.



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Barnsley's golden boy from the European Indoor Championships shows the same Yorkshire steel as his mentor, says Simon Turnbull

JOHN MAYOCK'S local garage can expect an urgent visit this morning. "I've got a sponsored car." he said vesterday as he prepared to head home from Spain. which has my name and 'going for gold' on the side. I'll have to change it now to 'got gold'."

The Barnsley man with the golden hair and, since Sunday night, a senior international medal to match, paused to chuckle. Then he added: Maybe I should have John Mayock, Spanish matador' written on it, too."

Mayock has always been an affahle fellow; 100 affable. 🖡 his critics might have said. But in winning the final race of the European Indoor Championships on Sunday night he hecame the new driving force for British middle-distance running in the manner of a Michael Schumscher.

There was even an official protest lodged against him after the men's 3.000 metres final, questioning his part in the jockeying for pole position that marked the race. But the inquisition on behalf of the three Spaniards left trailthe final 120m was never middle-distance tradition likely to overturn the result.

The Valencians may have jeered on his lap of honour and turned his medal ceremony into a shameful show of bad-losership hut the assertive way in which the 27-year-old executed his victory was as impressive as the win itself. Mayock's was the kind of aggressive, tactically astute and perfectly legitimate run last seen in a British middle-distance man in the form of another red-haired son of South Yorkshire at the tail end of the golden British era.

As he stood cheering at the

side of the Luis Puig track, Peter Durham Cross-Country meet Elliott must have felt he was watching his old self flash before his eyes. He certainly saw the kind of Yorkshire steel with which he forged his own reputation as the 'tough of the track'. And he had good reason to be gladdened by the sight.

Elliott was appointed Botain's middle-distance coach at the turn of the year. And since ending a running career that won him Commonwealth gold

ing as Mayock sped clear in Mayock Britain's new force in a rich

and Olympic and World Championship silver the retired Rotherham Harrier has been acting as coaching adviser to Mayock, who was yesterday named in the British team for the short, 4km race in the World Cross-Country Championships in Marrakesh later this month. Their relationship almost came development officer with Staffordshire Council, ignored Elliott's advice and ran in the middle-distance event in the

ing. Instead, the spat they had in the North-east mud that day has brought them closer together - and instilled Mayock with the resolve that has made him, seven years after his 5,000m success in the World Student Games, a gold medal winner at senior international level.

"I didn't want John to run," Elliott reflected yesterday. "He was half a stone overweight and he was just there for the money. We had words. But his attitude changed after that."

"It did upset me," Mayock said. "It took a couple of weeks to clear the air. But I knew I needed to get my backside into gear."

Even before Mayock's breakthrough on Sunday, Elliott had been given a rear view of his prodigy in the British alltime ranking list for 1500m. The 3min 31.86sec Mayock recorded in Brussels last August moved him to fourth place, behind Steve Cram, Sebastian Coe and Steve Ovett but ahead of his mentor.

That it was good enough for only eighth position in a grand prix race confirms that time and times have not stood still. "Middle-distance running has moved on since my day," Elliott acknowledged,

Ovett, Cram and myself," Britain's golden tradition has not been the only thing to which Mayock has been shackled. Elliott left him handcuffed to a park bench on his stag night in November. The services of to an end two months ago when the South Yorkshire Fire Mayock, a part-time sports Brigade were required to get Barnsley's golden boy to the

> church on time. GB team for Marrakesh



Richard Burns negotiates his Mitsubishi around a corner on his way to victory in the Safari Rally in Nairobi yesterday, by a margin of almost 10 minutes. It was Burns' first world championship victory, and only the third time a British driver has ever won this event

Wigan and St Helens paired in last eight of Challenge Cup

Rugby League By Dave Hadfield

WIGAN and St Helens, opponents so often in knock-out rugby over recent years, have been drawn together again in the quarter-finals of the Silk Cut

Saints, the holders for the past two years, must concede home advantage to Wigan. "and it hasn't been easy for John. having to follow Coe, favourites for this year's competition. The London Broncos have the plum draw, at home to the one surviving team from the First Division, Hull Kingston

Challenge Cup.

Hull, must go to Salford. Castleford, the conquerors of Leeds and Bradford, are at home to Sheffield who, like London, are in the last eight for

Rovers, whose neighbours,

The Rugby League has complained to the BBC over the

snubbing of the sport on Saturday night. The tie between Castleford and Bradford was the centrepiece of Grandstand hut was ignored in the sports round-up on both main BBC1 news bulletins. The League has received a number of adverse comments about the BBC and its broadcast manager. Dave Callaghan, is to take up the mat-

ter with the corporation. The former Great Britain coach. Malcolm Reilly, is to return to Britain in September, ending his successful association with the Newcastle Knights. Reilly has decided to come home to be near his elderly parents, news that will interest several Super League clubs, in particular St Helens, whose coach, Shaun McRae, is due to end his contract this year.

Salford v Hult; Castletord v Shalfield; Wilgen v St Helens (Ties to be played 14 or 15 March).

Fruitful gamble in the park

Tennis By John Roberts

AS the recipient of \$128,000 (£80,000) after winning the inaugural Guardian Direct Cup in Baltersea Park on Sunday, Yevgeny Kafelnikov made all the right poises, hitting the tent peg on the head by saying: "Nobody knows what to expect from a tournament that is being held for the first time."

There were no tent pegs, as it happened, which was perhaps the first pleasant surprise for spectators led to believe that London's first indoor ATP Tour event for eight years was going to be some sort of Barnum and Bailey enterprise.

The temporary arena complex proved to an impressive innovation, blessed, it must be said, with element weather except on two occasions when high winds flapped the plastic roofing and tested the metal supports.

But for the advent of Greg Rusedski and Tim Henman as pillars of the British game, the tournament would not have been conceived. Their participation was interesting while it lasted. Rusedski arrived after winning the Antwerp title and was unable to convert either of his match points against Germany's Marc-Kevin Goellner in the first round. Henman, who ended a run of five consecutive defeats by beating Richard Krajicek, lost to Kafelnikov in

British No 2 ought to have won. The organisers, who gambled in acquiring the date of the former Milan event for three years, were encouraged by the public's esponse (a total attendance of 35,000, and a near capacity 4.800 on the Centre Court on both Saturday and Sunday), and noted the lessons to be learned, which included the late night scheduling of the Henman-Krajicek match on Tuesday.

OVERALL SCORE CALCULATED ON MATCHES PLAYED FROM 8 AUGUST - 22FEBRUARY

the third round, a match the

tion to detail in creating a spectator-friendly indoor event away from the customary venues was impressive, not least the free shuttle bus service to and from Sloane Square.

The carpet courts, laid on wood, generally suited the big servers, but did not impede Kafelnikov's all-court game. "There is no doubt that the people who are working at this tournament have done a good job." the Russian said, "The one thing that bothered me was the noise from the airplanes." One or two of his fellow players who departed early might have disagreed, appreciating

reasonably close at hand. Greg Rusedski scored a remarkable victory in the first round of the ATP Tour event in Rotterdam vesterday, heat Karim Alami of Morocco 6-7 7-6 7-6 in a 2hr 20min match

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PHILIPS



Today we publish the updated results of The Independent Fantasy Football League. The league table includes all scores up to from all games played until February 22nd. FA Cup. Congratulations to Mr N Peet from North Yorkshire who's team Kim's Tigers is this months winner. Mr Peet wins a pair of tickets to Englands next home international.

Every time one of your players score you get four points. There are four points for a keeper or a defender every time their team keeps a clean sheet. If a player scores the winning goal. February 22nd. The player list includes scores i.e.: if there is a one goal difference in the scoreline, the player scoring the final goal for the winning team is awarded 1 Neither set of scores includes results from the hours point awarded in addition to standard goal related points. Each successful Assist, a pass judged by our experts to lead directly to a goal, will give a player 3 points. The opinion of our experts on the matter is final. Each player selected and lowing Sunday in the Independent on Sunday. starting a game will be awarded one point.

If a player is given a Yellow Card they lose 1 point, if a aver is given a Red Card they lose 3 points. Own goals, either scored or conceded, do not count.

The Premiership Manager that you choose will be awarded 3 points if their real-life team wins, 1 point is awarded if they draw and no points are given if they lose.

Updated player scores and league tables will be published every Tuesday in The Independent and repeated the fol-

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Independent Fantasy Football

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Dunwoody to ride I'm Supposin

THE good omens continued to Champion Hurdle day, which at woody on his Champion accumulate around I'm Sup- present seems unlikely to be any contender. Dunwoody has partposin yesterday when Richard slower than good. A sound sur-Dunwoody was confirmed as face should suit I'm Supposin. the hig-race rider on a horse hut detract from the chance of who is now as short as 5-1 for both Istabraq, who may be the Champion Hurdle at Chelmore of a two-and-s-half miltenham in exactly a fortnight's er, and Dato Star, who has time. I'm Supposin ran away shown all his best form with with the Kingwell Hurdle at plenty of give. Wincanton last Thursday, and the form of that performance at 14-1 for Cheltenham immewas franked just two days later diately after his success at Winwhen Master Beveled finished canton, but is now the 5-1

posin, Richard Dunwoody has effectively turned down the chance to partner either Grey Shot or Sanmarting in the timber championship, so there can be little doubt that the message which passed down the reins last THE racing commentator ebrate his 62nd birthday last Sat-moving to the Sunday Post in hound racing and even pole. He Thursday was an extremely pos- Raleigh Gilbert has died. A urday, had missed his latest in- Britain. itive one. "It has now been confirmed that Richard will ride I'm found dead on Sunday. Supposin at Cheltenham, and he's very much looking for- firmed: "He was found dead by ward to it," Robert Parsons, the the police at about 3.00pm. jockey's agent, said yesterday. We don't know when he died The jockey has just one previ- and there will have to be a postous victory in the race, on mortem and an inquest." Kribensis in 1990.

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Blazer at Haydock.

I'm Supposin was available an excellent second to Red second favourite with Ladhrokes. The best price at pre-In opting to ride I'm Sup- sent is 6-1, with Coral.

broadcaster for 40 years, he was

His brother Geoffrey con-

Gilbert, who was due to cel-

Dunwoody may also have Grey Shot, had no idea yester- at Cheltenham if the going is race, the Tote Gold Trophy at only won a length and a half-but considered the likely going on day who might replace Dunnered Grey Shot on all three of his outings over hurdles, which

> RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: Amico (Lingfield 4.40) NB: Crabbie's Pride (Catterick 3.30)

have brought two victories and a 14-length defeat by French Holly in a Grade One contest at Sandown in January. "All I know is that it won't be Richard Durwoody," Balding said. "The

tended commentating shift at

Welverhampton on 21 Febru-

Kenya in the 1950s and started

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good or faster."

cloud the Champion Hurdle picture yesterday when Ted Walsh, trainer of last year's Tri- 'ed with him at Newbury as he umph Hurdle winner Com- couldo't cope with it but one manche Court, warned punters bad run doesn't make a summer line up for the race.

"He's in the Stayers' Hurdle as well and we will make a de- however, for Lonesome Glory, cision nearer the time," Walshsaid. "He's rated some way behorses and not too many Triumph Hurdle winners go on to win the race."

Ian Balding, the trainer of borse is fine, but he will only run second-favourite for his last ry's trainer, said yesterday. "He

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Gilbert worked hriefly for

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the BBC in the early 1970s be-

career in 1958 with Racecourse

Walter Raleigh Willock the first man to commentate at

Gilbert rode as an amateur in every racecourse in the country.

spondent for the East African fore moving in 1972 to ITV, for

Field And Farm in 1956 before whom he also reported on grey-

Soon is at his best on this test ground and made all to come home by 20 lengths at Here-ford in October 1995, but has not been out since. Selection: KINGS SEPAICN

3.20 SYSTON HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS E) £4,500 added 2m 4f 110yds Penalty Value £3,431

Newbury last month, but could he never wins very far. It was a A further doubt emerged to finish only eighth. "He's all right now, he's 100 per cent," Walsh said. "I was disappoint-

plans that much." There is a definite plan. the best chaser in the United Flat in Virginia two days ago. "He won well on Sunday and we Colonial Cup at Camden in Nowere really pleased with him," Commanche Court started Bruce Miller, Lonesome Glo-

TV commentator Raleigh Gilbert dies staved with the Channel 4 team

> He was a founder commentator with Satellite Information Services in 1987, covering the Chester Cup on the day the service was lannched.

until 1996.

mentaries for television dramas. Cees libel case.

very good performance because the going was a little softer than he likes." The 10-year-old will be sta-

bled with Peter Chapple-Hyam during his preparation for chasthat his galding is not certain to and it doesn't change your ing's greatest race, and will be ridden at Cheltenham - as ever, by Miller's daughter, Blythe, who will be attempting to be the first woman jockey to States, who is on course for the win B top-class steeplechase. hind the Champion Hurdle Gold Cup after a victory on the Sunday's outing was Lonesome Glory's first since winning the

> fourth time. "The Gold Cup is a big challenge, but he has done everything over here so we are hoping he can do something over there," Miller said. Lad-brokes, however, believe otherwise, and offer 100-1 against Lonesome Glory winning the

vember, a victory which earned

him the Eclipse Award as

America's best chaser for the

Gold Cup. THE Jockey Club will not comment until today at the earliest on the outcome of dis-Gilbert a also provided ra- cussions held yesterday into dio voice-overs and mock com- matters arising from the Top

FORM GLEDE

With only five modest rivals taking him on, it looks as though RAMALLAH need only put in a clear cound to takine up lest month's inversels success when he best achaequent Sandown social Swing Caustel skylt lengths, Hernistis Kright's charge was twice a hunder winner the season before last and was placed in both starts when swisthed to the larger obstacles in 1998-97. Ramelish ran as 6 in need of the race on his first two outlings this term, both times dropping out in the closing stages. Second best may be winning storage and the second best may be winning the larger obstacles in October. He has been confined to hunding since, winning at Carliele. In January at Newcastle on his return, though he was pulled up next time and well besten on his latest run. Jenny Pitmaris Maximachus, who makes his debut over regulation fances, wes at clust where between the flegs in 1995 and will be straighter by his recent run behind Bullens Bay over timber at Chepstow.

Selection: RAMALLAH

4.20 GREAT GLEN NOVICE CHASE (CLASS E) £4,000 added 2m 4f 110yds Penalty Value £3,132

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1997: Wid West Word 7 11 8.J Culloty 11-8 (Miss H Knight) 5 ran FORM GUHDE
STOMPTM, who goes for titls in preference to the 4.50 – a handcusp in which he was on 12st – can record his first success over the major obstacles. A useful hundler – his victories included the valuable handcap at Antree on Grand National day two years ago – Stompin has shaped well over fonces. Beatism a longth and a helf by Gale Toi at Ludlow just before Contestrate, he was a four-length third to Kadastrof at Karopton. Stompin ran less well in fourth to Moon Devil at Newbury, where he fielded to be beaten 16 lengths, but this is a much vester contest. Trouvallie, a length-und-equarter second behind Grundon at Ludlow in November on his second attempt over fences, was an early casualty at Wincanton on Bosing Day but came home by five lengths from pravious winner and hot severals John Drumm at Windeor 10 days ago and should confinue to improve. Shelsels made at to score by four lengths on his chasins bour at Kaneston in November and use hot favourile John Drumm at Windoor 10 days ago and should continue to Improve. Stellast made all to score by four lengths on his Chasing bow at Kampion in November and wat in front only to fail two cut at Chatientham ten days afterwards. He was behind when pulies up on a return to Kempton on Bowing Day but could prove troublesome it back to his

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FORM GUIDE

Now that he has finally returned to winning form after going almost two years without success, it could pay to row in with DEAR DO. He scored in game style by 6 langth from High Learte at Forntwel three weeks ago and he is only 2th higher today. He acts on a fest surface, Before that, Dear Do had Sleazey a long way achiff when third to Sleaze Bey and Pogmarine at Hurdingdon and he meets this rived only 2th worse. The Cerrot Nam could do no better than a 17-length fifth to Morstock at Lingfield two works ago but can be expected to improve considerably on that run — his first since a 10-length third behind Robins Price at Wincanton on Boxing Day. Another fair effort was his second, at 14 lengths, to Prate Box at Chepstow in November on his return

Selection: DEAR DO

Racing's futures market

KADASTROF is a top-priced 7-1 for the Arkle Trophy with Ladbrokes and the Tote following his easy win at Kempton on Saturday, while Edelweis Du Montin is generally 8-1 -although Ladbrokes go only 5-1 - after scoring at Haydock.

Buddy Marvel is a toppriced 16-1 with Ladbrokes for the Triumph Hurdle after beating older rivals in Kempton's Dovecote Novices' Hurdle, William Hill and Ladbrokes while Buckhouse Boy is a best after the trainer Robert Alner priced 16-1 with Ladbrokes for announced the horse was back

phatic success in the Rendlesham Limited Handicap Hurdle at the Sunbury venue.

The Grey Monk is out to 10-1 with Coral and Ladbrokes for the Gold Cup following the trainer Gordon Richards' announcement that his horse is only "50-50" to run in the race, while Strong Promise is 33-1 with Coral after going down to Go Ballistic in the Jim Ford

Chase at Wincanton. Cool Dawn is 33-1 with the Staver's Hurdle after his em- on course for Cheltenham.

Arkle Trophy	y (Novi	ce) Chas	e (2m)	
Horse (Tainer)	Comi	William His	Ladbrokee	Toba
Champions (IC Pips)	11-2	7-1	6-1	11-2
Direct Books (J.) Journal Johnson)	6-1	33-2	· 7-1	7-1
Kadestrof (R Distin)	6-1	6-1	7-1	7-1
Edelmale Du Montin (G Fichards) .	84	4-1	5-1	6-1
Waste Road (Mas H Kright)	7-1	7.1	8-1	9-1
HE Society (N Meadelif)	10-1	10-1	6-1	9-1
Cylor Multa (M Pipe)	12-1	B-1	doubtful	9-1
Lake Kerins (* Nichold)	14-1	144	14-1	12-1
Crack On (P Hobbs)	20-1	14-1	18-1	14-1
Queen Of Species (N Twiston-Darlos)	12-1	14-1	20-1	14-1

		e (2m II(
Hoose (Trainer)	Conti	William Hill	Ladbrokee	Tota
Istobracy (A.P. C'Rrism/M)	7-2	7-2	6-1	7-2
First Supposedat (F) Flower)	0-1	51	.6-1	6-1
Dato Star (J M Jafferson)	6-1	6-1	6-1	7-1
Shedow Leeder (C Egerton)	841	7-1	8-1	7-1
Grisse (C Rocheld) .	14-1	14-1	14-1	14-1
Coller Bay (J Cld)	. 15-1	20-1	20-1	20-1
Francis Holly (F Murphy)	15-1	20-1	*10-1	20-1
Kermet (N Teriston-Device)	15-1	20-1	· 18-1	20-1
Reliated (O Nichoteon)	25-1	20-1	25-1	26-1
Grey Shot & Bakking	33-1	33-1	39-1	20-1

Triumph Hurdle (2m lf)					
Home (Sainer)	Comi	Willes Hill	Ladorolas	Total	
Zafarabad (D Nicholaum)	8-1	· 72 ·	7-2	7-2	
City Hall (N's V Ward)	14-1	12-1	12-1	12-1	
References (M Pipe)	14-1	14-1	14-1	14-1	
Buddy Marvel (O Sherwood)	10-1	14-1	16-1	12-1	
Darapour (A.P.O'Brien/M)	10-1	14-1	12-1	16-1	
iros County Xines (D Welsife)	74-1	18-1	16-1	12-1	
Reinbour Frontier (M Pipe)	16-1	16-1	18-1	14-1	
Emerative Decision: (M Grandck/hi)	20-1	16-1	14-1	20-1	
Snow Dragon (N Meads/M)	20-1	25-1	25-1	20-1	

Horse (Tainer)	Coral	Willes Hill	Ladbrokes	Total
See More Booksee (P Nichola)	3-1	7-2	7-2	3-1
Dorana Pride (M Hourigen/Iri)	4-1	4-1	7-2	4-1
The Grey Morek (G Richeste)	16-1	8-1	10-1	8-1
Sury Bay (C Brooks)	10-1	11-1	· · · 6-1 · 🛬	11-1
Cyburgo (M Pipe)	15-1	12-1	12-1	12-1
Addington Buy (G Richards)	20-1	29-1	20-1	16-1
Rough Quest (T Casey)	15-1	20-1	15-1	16-1
Challenger Du Luc (M Pips)	25-1	25-1	25-1	25
Cool Dearn (R Alner)	25-1	. 23-1	23-1	25-
Go Bulliulic (J O'Sheet)	23-1	254	25-1	25
Strong Promise (3 Hubbard)	33-1	25-1	25-1	Z

Stayers' Hurdle (3m lf)						
Horse (Visinar)	Coral	William HE	Ladirolas	Total		
Paddy's Return (F Murphy)	TI-4	84	5-2	94		
(Icean Hunt (N Thislor-Device)	51	6-1	6-1	94		
Marello (Mrs M Floveley)	13-1	10-1	12-1	12-1		
Mighty Moss (D Norobort)	12-1	6-1	8-1	9-1		
Go-Informal (J M Jefferson)	64	12-1	12-1	14-1		
Lord Jim (J Okt)	12-1	-10-1	12-1	14-1		
Pridwell (M Pipe)	doubtful	12-1	14-1	12-1		
Buckhouse Boy (D Nicholson)	2-1	14-1	16-1	12-1		
Kneebi (Aflasi H Kright)	10-1	14-1	16-1	12-1		
Splendid Thysie (T Casey)	. 2-1	12-1	14-1	16-1		
Elimany (C Marvi)	16-1	20-1	25-1	25-1		
Each-way a quarter the od	ds, places, 1, 2, 3	Chellanham, T	hursday 19 March)			

1997: Red Branch & 106 J Culloty 4-1 (J King) 10 ran FORM GUIDE

FORM GUIDE

PEPTTIST had been off the track more than two years when third behind ingletonian and
Prince Of Saints at Carlisis on 30 December - beeten three parts of a length and a shorthead - and he came home by seven lengths at Bangor 18 days ago despite a slow jump
at the last. There is better still to come from Micky Hammonds charge and he can follow up off a 7to higher mark. Begalino, twice a hurdes winner in his younger days for Nick hendemons statile and a dust part scorer in 1997, missed a remote fourm borning into The Clan when making his debut over regulation tendes at Windson in December and he was a fafer next time. However, Bagalino did much better when a nine-length third to Gratomi at Hereford and he is another likely to progress. High Mood, who landed two of his first times reces this season, at Wetterby and Uttoster, took a crashing fall at the first in Capernway's race at Wincardon last time but could pose a timest provided his con-fidence has not been undermined. Elease, successful in his first two races this season, at Taunton and Windson in November, was tailed off when putled up before four out in the Wincardon more work suffered the same state there must thin while he was lest of these the Wincanton race and suffered the seme late there next time while he was lest of three linishers to Swing Quartet at Sendown lest time.

HYPERION

GOING: Good (Good to Firm in places).

@Flight-hand, undulating course, with a streight mile. Flun-in of 250yd.

@Course is 2m SE of city off AS. Leicester station (London, St Pancrus - Sheffield line)

2m, ADBISSION: One enclosure £9 (OAPs £5), Free racecenta. CAR PARIC Free, Silver Fing Car Parit - E12 extress car and four occupants.

@LEADING TRAINERS: D Michelson 14-54 (259%), N Teriston-Device 10-37 (27%), N Headings (250).

el-EADING TRANDERS: D Nicholson 14-54 (259%), N Infeston-Devices To-37 (27%), N Intercon-Devices To-37 (27%), N Intercon-Devices To-37 (27%), N Infeston-O-50 (28%), W Intercon-O-50 (28%), W Intercon-II-78 (45%), C Lewellyn 7-41 (77%), G Bradley 6-36 (67%), N Willemson 6-44 (36%), eARAVOURTEE: 88-27 (555%), BLINKERIED FIRST TIME: Javelin Cool (visored) 250).

2.20 PICKWELL NOVICE HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS E) \$4,000 added 2m 4f 110yds Penalty Value £3,626

3.50 Ramallah

4.20 Trouvaille

2.50 DRAGON HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS E) 24,500 added 2m 71 110yds Penalty Value 23,561

.... A McCarthy S BETTING: 5-2 Winnow, 7-2 High Leefs, 4-1 Who Am I, 11-2 Alier The Fox, 7-1 Carama Boy, 8-1 Jacobs Boy, 10-1 Bian Blood, 13-1 Rocket Rev., 20-1 others.

1887: Lance American 7-11 ft. D Fortt (3) 11-8 fev (6 McCourt) 7 ren.

FORM GUIDE

After geining victories at Teuriton and Herefold in December, WRNNOW was behind when pulled up before four out in Capernway's race at Wincambra in Jenuary but she ran much behind time in finishing a three-length second to Gratzmi at Hereford. She can return to winning form here. Who Am I was well back in fourth when he fall three out in the Wincambra heat after a distant second to Sir Dante at Follestons and he was beeten 28 lengths when runnou-up to Folle at Lingfield. High Learle, who went in at Haningdom in November, was beeten 18 lengths by Ragamuff at Follestone in Jenuary but ran Dear Do to a length at Fonlewich three weeks ago and goes of the same mark here. After The Fox scored twice at Teuriton less term and, following a fourth (of three finishers) to Pamylordige Second of the Control of scored twice at Reumion last term and, following a fourth (of the thithers) to Pennytridge at Aintree on his return, justified trouvitiem at Southwell. He is no worse off with the trouville-helf-length third, Jamon's Buy, Nien Mood finished a well bearen tourth to Carlingtord Gale at Window 10 days ago but will be sharper for that race – his first since a langth-and-a-half second to Chickshiddy at Fontwell in October. Selection: WINN'N

3.50 RUTLAND WATER NOVICE CHASE (CLASS D) £6,000 added 2m 7f 110yds Penaity Valus £4,737

23-291 RAMALIAH (28) (The Maiders Green Parinership) Mee H Kright 9 11 4 ______ J Cullety
2-3-195 BARDARIOS (99) (D) Peter J S Russel) Mee L Russel 9 10 12 ______ A Thompso
5 PRU BUCKMAN (11) (J G O'Neit) J Chinal 6 10 12 ______ 6 Conven
4 PTS-0 JEMARIO (35) (Jerseny Restiny) W Jeries 7 10 12 ______ 6 Conven
5 PEU HANNER (19) (D) Peter Christopher Herbury) A Turns 6 10 12 ______ M Getting (7)
6 12/2-0 MAURACHAS (10) (D) (R W Guiding) Mes J Phrons 6 10 12 ______ D Leasty
6 12/2-0 MAURACHAS (10) (D) (R W Guiding) Mes J Phrons 6 10 12 ______ D Leasty
1971: Master Roby 7 10 12 C Llewellyn 6-1 (N Twiston-Davise) 13 ran

Catterick

2.00 Alcalali (nb) 2.30 Count Karmuski 3.00 Fryup Satellite 3.30 Lislaughtin Abbey 4.00 What Jim Wants 4.30 Prince Of Saints 5.00 Petersen House GOING: Good to Firm.

ecurse is NW of town on A636. Ourlangton station 14m - bus service to course. ADMISSION: Cub ET; Tattersel's E7; Course 52.50 (under 18 free into all enclosures). CAR PARK: Reserved

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2.00 WENSLEY NOVICE H'CAP HURDLE (CLASS F) 12,500 added filles & mares 2m

— 11 declared —

Minimum weight: 10st. True handcap weights: Delignition 9st 12b. SpringBeld Physics 9st 2b., 509 Deviated 8st 4b.

SETTING: 11-6 Alexiall, 5-2 Busive Star, 4-1 Down The Yard, 10-1 Apparamos Mosey, 12-1 Most Wanted, Reg Doll, 25-1 Delignition, Gentley Henpecked, 33-1 others

2.30 E.B.F. 'NH' NOVICE HURDLE (QUALI-FIER) (CLASS E) £3,000 added 2m 8 08003 MALHARAD (20) R Hollesteed 8 10 3.

BETTING: 15-6 To-Day Ro-Day, 5-2 Count Kamuniki, 9-2 Spoot's My Barne, 6-1 Brother Harry, 6-1 Arcilic Atlair, 12-1 Tale Bridge, 14-1 Little Wester,

3.00 MALTON NOVICE CHASE (CLASS E) £4,000 edded 2m 3f

3.30 RIPON SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS G) £2,000 added 2m 3f

.....N Foote 13 SP-OLM GONE AWAY (25) M Hammond 8 10 6... 14 3-0000 SPRING CALL (26) C Pogeon 6 10 0...... 10 POD GENOLLY (17) R Berr 5 10 8....... 10 PPPPO CALLS CALIGULA (12) B Presca 7 10 0.

— 16 sectored —
Affirmation weight: 10st, True handloop weights: Caronbiebothered, Gone Away
Set 12th, Spring Call Set 11th, Gemoly Set 10th, Caluz Calquia Set 3th,
SETTINKS 8-1 Crashbirth Pride, 9-2 Squame, 8-1 Malitarbad, 6-1 Opera Par,
8-1 Crassaboro Crown, 9-1 Dig For Gold, 16-1 Rerro-On-Hadley, 12-1 Gone
Away, 14-1 Universities Akhbey, Balanceal Princeses, Rodelon Lady, 20-4 Royof Hand, 25-1 Gemoly, 48-1 others

4.00 BARTON NOVICE HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS E) £3,000 added 3m 1f 110yds 45400 CHARTER (13) W Story 7 to 3

NO ARREST NO.

SETTING: 7-2 Cypress Avenue, 4-1 What Jim Wands, 11-2 Point Reyes,
7-4 Recruitment, 9-1 Eastly Jokes, 10-1 Ardenber, 12-1 Dening Rose, South-em Crose, Filter's Derier, 16-1 Kaleje, Charter, Galie Absent, 20-1 Esid-mo Klas, Thirty Below, 33-1 Arrogent Heir

4.30 GRETA BRIDGE HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS E) £4,000 added 2m

4-P326 MOSS PAGEANT (26) F Wilton 6 10 0.... - 5 declared -Markeum weight: 10st. True handicap weights: Arthur Box, North Pride, Most Payens or va. BETTRIC: 11-8 Kildnammy Castie, 9-4 Prince Of Salate, 9-2 This is My Life, 9-1 Mote Pagenst, 12-1 Arthur Bus, 33-1 North Pride

5.00 AYSGARTH INTERMEDIATE NH FLAT 505 EASEY BLUE (312) (CD) B Kettiswell 6 Ti Ti ... Mr C Bonner (5)
CHASE THE ACE Mrs.A Marginus 5 Ti 4 Mr T d Barry (7)
MAGNUM M Soversby 6 Ti 4 M H Haughton (5)
6 OVER THE SOUWAY (21) L Lungo 6 Ti 4 W Dowling (7)
6 TELL ME ANOTHER (129) J Winds 6 Ti 4 E Callagban
THE MESTARD MAN W Storby 5 Ti 4 Pi McGneth (3)
0-00 GEM OF HOLLY (24) R Wood 5 Ti 5 M Newton (7)
6 MAZETE MAN OTHER GROWN 5 Ti 5 M Newton (7)

AVRO ANSON is still on course for the Grand Nanal despite being pulled up at Haydock on Satur dayand could be seen out again at Doncaster on Saturda in the Velka Pardubicka Grimthorpe Handicap Chas over three miles two furlongs. Scotton Banks is another Grand National candidate who figures among the entries for the £20,000-added contes

4.10 SHELLEY HANDICAP (CLASS F) 53,000 added 2m

0-1220 ENGLISH INVADER (J11) [C] C Duyer 7 to 8... S Sincles 8
0-1230 ENGLISH INVADER (J11) [C] C Duyer 7 to 8... S Sincles 8
0-1230 RESIGNER BUCK (25) R USulfern 49 t2... A Proctar 2
0-531 PHALOSOHIAC (2) (CD) List L.Janed 48 11 [Seq. A. Microlley (5) 6
0-122 PLYING COLLORS (26) [CD] (26) C G Residual 49 7. A. Clerk
(D-123 DISTANT STORM (J14) 8 Liemaly 5 5 8... D Steamer (5) 8 8
0-523 AGUANTA (10) LS Moore 4 8 13... P P Marphy (5) 15
3-404 SIGNED AND SEALED (5) (CD) C Cyter 4 8 11... G Carter 12 B
33-60 COASTIGNARGE (LOTY (11) T Demant 4 8 2 ... J Golobed (7) 3
0 00-50 NUBLE (11) W Micron 4 8 0 ... D G Burdwall 12
0 00-54 WILD HADEER (14) 3 Lieman 4 7 2 ... G Burdwall 12
0 00-54 WILD HADEER (14) 3 Lieman 4 7 2 ... G Burdwall 12
0 00-55 NUBLE (11) W Micron 4 8 0 ... D G Burdwall 11

12 000-55 NUBRE (11) W MISSON 460 _____ DR MicCobe 1
2 00844 WELD HADSER (14) J Lisson 4.7 12 _____ G Berdeult 11
2 00-505 PARCHOMASSA (14) J Li Harris 7 10 _____ J Culon 4
14 000-00 CORRC HILL (5) J Perrey 7.7 10 _____ A Poli (6) 16
— 14 declared ____ 14 declared ____ PETTENO: 5-2 Philosophic, 9-2 Distant Storm, 8-1 Aquantis, Reggia Buck, 8-1 Emplieb Invader, 16-1 Paying Colours, Signed And Socked, 16-1 others

4.40 WORDSWORTH LIMITED STAKES (CLASS F) E3,000 added 1m

| CLASS F) E3, URB BODGE TIM
| 3-458 WITHDUT FRIENDES (\$1, E25) BFF PRINCH Page 4-9 12... Clark 7
| 40055 HAMMAI STORM (17) (20) B Ferrich Darls 10-9 8... Firmach 1
| 5 0854 KI CHI SAGA (3) (CD) D L Moore 6-9 8... S Withwach 6-8
| 4 252 ZALOTTO (19) T Einstrigton 4-8 6... A College 5-8
| 4 400-4 MENDOZA (6) (CD) D Murrey Shift 4-9 6... C Lowder (3) 2
| 7 -3450 SWEET SUPPOSH (19) (CD) D Daylor 7-9 6... R Haphas 6-9
| 8 -3451 W66 STOR (7) (O) 9 Pages 2-8 1... MacCentry (5) 4
| -6 declared | 8 ETTRIG: 2-1 Zalotto, 7-2 Amilto, 4-1 Mine Skys, 13-2 KI Chi Saga, Mandoza, 7-1 Without Priends, 8-7 Sweet Supposin, 12-1 Hennill Skorre

2.20: 1. MONDERAGON (P Niver) 10-1; 2. Stalibetes 2-1 jt fav; 2. Setting Sun 33-1; 12 ran. 2-1 jt fav Och Ah Cuntona. 3½, 7; (Mrs. M. Reveley, Sattburn). 1961: 5880; 2180, 2150, 5580. DF: 21400. CSF: 52823. 2.50: 1, STAN'S YOUR MAN (B Storey) 6-4 ter; 2. Fero Leader 14-1; 3. Hopelul Lord 7-1 16 ma. 3's, 12 (Mrs J Goodfelow, Esrtion). Tokes 52-20; 5140, 52-30, 6340, DF: 5260, CSF: \$2152, Trio: \$8410. 3.29: 1. ALY DALEY (E Callagher) 10-1: 2. Weetwall Boy 7-1; 3. Maybe O'Grady 15-8 [t tex. 8 ren. 15-8 [t tex Brighter Stade (9th) St-hd. 2'A. (J Howard Johnson, Crock). Toke: \$1120; \$190, \$140, DF: \$5150. CSP: \$39.57. Tricest: \$17184.

NEWCASTLE

3.50: 1. SIDE BY SIDE (M Foster) 11-1; 2. Klerchem 5-1; 3. Maple Bay 7-2 fax. 13 ran. 1⁹4, 3. (C Thornton, Middlehem), Totac 9330; £150, £250, £220, DF; £2470, CSF; ESISA Tricust: EZZIJE. Tric: EB780. NPt. Cap

4.25: 1. CCRSTON JONER (R Supple) 5-2; 2. Pitrer Unahlon 19-8 tav; 2. Profix-ent 5-1.7 ran. 8, 3½. (L Lungo, Carruther-stown). Tobar 53.20; 51.70, 51.70. DF: 52.70. CSF: 5702.

CSF: 2012.
4.85: 1. INVEST WISELY (R Genthy) 8-1;
2. Daily Boy 13-2; 3. Double Agent 6-1: 9
rm, 2-1 fav Linishen (Hth), Nk, 2%, (M Harmond, Meddehem), Teise: 21:60; £2:40,
52:20; £2:00. DF; £2:5:00. CSF: £6:075. Tricast: £3:480. Tric: £3:470. Piacepot: £75:10. Guadpot: £11.70.

PLUMPTON 1.40: 1. TISSUE OF LIPS (G Brackey) 5-2: 2. Nemisto 14-1; 3. Fitzmeurice 7-1. 18 ren. 19-8 ten Nordic Crest (8th) 14, 1 (J. Alestrust, Upper Lambourn), Tobic 1500; 5:190, 5:10, 22:30. 07: 5:25:00. CST: 5:34:84. This: \$4740. 2.10: 1. R.E. DE LIBRATE (M.A. Picagar-ald) 4-6 tar; 2. Hel Hoo Yaroon 7-2; 3. Pure Swing 53-1.12 ran. 7, 2. (R. O'Salvien, Whit-combe); Toler \$150; \$120, \$150, \$270. DF: \$310. CSF: \$270. The: \$2170. NF: Son Of-Glan.

2.40: 1. URBAN LILY (J Herris) 18-1; 2. The Executor 9-2; 3. Deriebey 4-1 12 mm. 7-2 fee Mead Court (pulled up.), 1 1/4. (R Hodgas, Sometroff, Tota; 51690; 5400, 5190, 5190, 07; 04280, CSF: 59000, Treast £32766. Trio: £10400, NR: Lady Pendrecon 232706. IF C LOUD INC LOUP PROTOGOTH 3.10: 1. CALLEVA STAR (A Thomson) 4-1; 2. Amezon LBy 5-2; 3. Esperanza IV 9-4 iav. 8 ran. 3. 4. (R Alsec Blandford Forum). Tole 5450; C120, C10; C190. DF: 25-40. CSF: C1300. NF: Berporell. Trio: £0.90.

3.40: 1. PETTE RISK (A P McCoy) 14-1; 2. Veridian 11-8 ter; 3. Bold Buster 5-1.16 rat. 8, 1. (M Pipe, Wellington), Tota: 5260; 52-50, 123, 25-50, Dr. Extl. CSF; E3843. Tric: £13,70.

HO: ED./U.
4.15:1, LUVLU-FRANK (A P McCoy) 18-8
fay 2. Bay Lough 100-30; 3. Call House 3-1
11 mm. 3, dist. (M. Pipe, Wellington). Potes
620; C190; C100; C100 DP: ES20 CSP: C725.
THOSEE E1402. Tric: £340.

Ads. 1. POSH SPICE (J. R. Kavanagh) 10-1; 2. Heart 3-1; 3. Maryje 8-1, 10 ma. 9-4 tav Thema Arana. 12, 1%, (N. Hander-son, Lambourn), Toke 52/AO; 55/Q 51/20, 52/AO UP: 522-30 CSF; 94037, Tricest; 52/AO38, Trice 522-80. Jackpot: Not worr, 55,4515 carried forward to Catteriok tories Place 6: £1480, Place 5: £403

Lingfield

HYPERION

2.10 Quiet Arch 2.40 Tangerine Flyer 3.10 Severity 3.40 Herr Trigger 4.10 PHILOSOPHIC (nap) 4.40 Zajotto

GORIG: Stow (All-weather track). STALLS: Inside, specify I'm (outside). DRAW ADVANTAGE: Low in sprints.

●Left-frond course with Equitrack surface. ●Course is SE of town on 82028. Lingfield station adjoins course. ADMISSION: ETD. CAR PARK; Club £3: rest free. ADMISSION: ETD. CAR PARK; Cub 53; rest free.

OLEADING TRAINERS: DL Moore 79-65 (28%), M Johnston 51-857
(178%), Lord Huntingdon 40-212 (189%), A O'Sulfinen 37-286 (129%). ELEADING JOCKEYS: A Clark 70-580 (125%), S Sanders 59-544 (108%), J Quinn 34-631 (54%), Deen McKegern 21-133 (58%).

2.10 SHAKESPEARE AMATEUR RIDERS' HANDICAP (CLASS E) 53,750 added 1m

8 12251 BON GUEST (5) (C) Max B Sanders 4 10 7 Mins L Sheen (5) 1 9 25696 GLIDE PATH (11) (SF) J Janders 9 10 1 __Dr M Manadab (3) 3 18 400-85 ZAMALEK (7) (C) R POMET 8 9 8 Mr K Gobbe (2) 5 E 5 0-050 MYOSOTS (28) (C) PHat 493 ____Mr J Crowley (5) 7 B

BETTINQ: 5-1 Harlis, 6-1 Cupiet Arch, 13-2 Bon Genet, 7-1 Evezio Rato, Noset Native, Rejab, 10-1 Stide Poth, Head Gardones, 13-1 Mycachia, Zameiet, 14-1 Transfee, Diguest, 25-1 others

- 16 declared -

2.40 TENNYSON CLAIMING STAKES (CLASS E) £3,750 added 5f 45488 RAMSEY HOPE (12) (CD) C Februar 59 th.C London (3) 1 V 2020 MISTICAL (31) (C) (C) (SF) Well-Sutton 49 D.A. Welchery (5) 2 V 31-342 FRIENDLY BRAVE (45) (CO) (BF) Gay Kalloway 8 9 8

BETTING: 9-4 langurine Fiyer, 3-1 Myslical, 11-2 Ramery Hope, Palo Stan-ce, 13-2 Friendly Brave, 14-1 Village Native, 33-1 Lady Relytine, Logic Part Lad, Mikhight Times

3.10 COLERIDGE MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £5,000 added 1m 2f

083-2 SEVERITY (VO) (BF) W Hagges 49 12 ______F Lyach 4 B CEAD MRLE FAULTE (10) R Ingram 3 8 8 _____T Adding 8 - 6 dictard -BETTING: 4-6 Severity, 9-4 Some Might Say, 7-1 Audeman, 12-1 High-bury Legend, 25-1 Cond Mile Faile, 90-1 Another Victim

3.40 KEATS HANDICAP (CLASS D) 25,000 added 1m 2f

0833-3 NEPPA TRIGGER (21) (C) (D) Dr.J. Scargil 7 to 8...J Quinn 11 B -4134 SEA DANZIG (21) (CD) J Budger 59 t3.....R Śrudnolme (7) 5 9 52-880 CONFRIONTER (17) (CD) B Dow 9 9 10....... 10 3-1339 BRILADDIE (14) (CD) R Florer 587___

11 00-038 20RBA (10) (D) J Hetherton 4 83..... - 11 declared BETTING: 7-2 Reheath, 4-1 Herr Trigger, 8-1 Chefronius, 15-2 See
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Placepot: £14.00. Quadpot: £10.10 Place 8: £81.55. Place 5: £34.49. **OADRIAN MAGUIRE** yesterday delayed his comeback by 24 hours. But the jump jockey declared himself "fine" after Saturday's fall on Amtrak Express at Kempton which caused him to be stood down for two days. "I am not going to ride tomorrow but that's because there is not much for me to ride," Maguire said.

"I am fine, there are no problems and

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Ronaldo holds the key as Inter launch revenge mission

tonight's Uefa Cup quarter-final first-leg tie between Internazionale and Schalke 04, the unpretentious German club who heat the Italians in last year's final.

Schalke won 4-1 on a ponally shoot-out last year after the two-leg final had finished 1-1 on have Ronaldo - and his teammate, the Chilean striker Ivan Zamorano who scored against Schalke in Inter's second leg 1-0 win tast season, believes the agrees that Inter are stronger

"We still feel bad about last year's final and this is the perfect occasion to exact revenge by eliminating them." he said. This year, too, we have an extra weapon in Ronaldo and his pace is sure to cause problems for the German defenders who aggregate. Now, though. Inter are hig and strong but possibly

Zamorano's view is echoed by Schalke's experienced Dutch defender Johan de Kock, who

is dangerous, fast and unpredictable. You never know what he is going to do next. The safest sure that he does not get the

Inter will be without three players - the suspended sweeper Giuseppe Bergomi as well as the Portuguese midfielder Paulo Sousa and the defender Mauro Milanese, who are both cun-tied. The Brazilian Ze Elias is favoured to take Paulo Sou-

the sweeper role in place of way to handle him is to make Bergomi, while Francesco Colonesse replaces Milanese. Schalke will be without the Dutch midfielder Marco van Hoogdalem, who has an

Achilles injury. The Inter coach, Gigi Simoni, has one major selection doubt, over Ronaldo's partner in attack. For much of this season, the Frenchman Youri sa's place in midfield alongside Djorkaeff has been the first

and Francesco Moriero. In de: -but be is under pressure from tive league, Uefa Cup and Italfence, Salvatore Fresi returns in hoth Zamorano and Nigeria's Nwankwo Kanu.

For Saturday's 2-0 Serie A win over Napoli, Djorkaeff was dropped in favour of Kanu-but it was Zamorano who opened the scoring with a spectacular on as a substitute for the Niger-

Auxerre tonight try to do what no club has achieved since mid-December - beat Lazio at

ian Cup games at the venue and naturally hope to extend that in their Uefa Cup quarter-final

first leg against the French side. Lazio will be at full strength with the Croat Alen Boksic and Roberto Mancini in attack back-beeled goal after coming and the Czech Pavel Nedved alongside Yugoslavia's Vladimir Jugovic in midfield,

Auxerre will be weakened by the absence of their captain Franck Silvestre and the mid-Rome's Olympic Stadium. The fielder Christian Henna, both is normally a reserve, but after Ajax coach, said.

Ajax face Sportak Moscow at

home in the other quarter-final. The Dutch side will be without their Finnish striker and playmaker Jari Litmanen, who has been troubled by a calf strain since late autumn. There are also slight doubts over Ronald de Boer, Dean Gorre and Michael Laudrup, although all should play.

RONALDO holds the key to Brazilian will tip the balance this than last year. "He [Ronaldo] Aron Winter, Diego Simeone choice alongside the Brazilian Italians have won 10 consecu-injured. Laurent Clechclaki is scoring seven goals and picking up the best player award at the African Nations' Cup he may feature tonight.

Spartak have a powerful midfield containing the internationals Andrei Tikhunov, the Russian player of the year in 1996, and the diminutive Dimitri Alenichev, who won the award overwhelmingly last year. "Spartak play beautifut foot-

ball, a bit like the way Ajax do, Ajax may include Benedict and we need two good days to McCarthy. The South African beat them," Morten Oisen, the

Tigana in search of a vintage year at Monaco

The coach of Manchester United's next opponents tells Dominique Baldy why he refuses to live in the past

IT SEEMS, of tate, to have behind after his team-mates for extra training as evidence of the superior dedication that team. It's as simple as that." enables the great player tu stand out from the rest.

However, the last man working out on Monaco's idvllic training ground, set high among the cliffs of the Côte d'Azure, vesterday will not be coming face to face with Beckham and company at the Stade Louis II tomorrow, at least not directly.

The figure still working up a sweat as the first of the players' high-performance cars begin to negotiate the descent back towards Monte Carlo is the Monaco coach and former French midfield legend Jean Tigana, the man Alex Ferguson must outwit if Manchester United are to reach the semi-finals of the European Cup.

"I train daily," Tigana said.

expects from his players." This certainly seems to contirm the popular perception of Tigana as a man noted on setting the highest standards, both for himself and others. As a playduring France's golden era in the 1980s, playing alongside Michel

Platini and Alain Giresse. Twice a World Cup semifinalist, winning a European Championship in 1984, and five domestic titles while playing for Bordeaux and Marseilles, Tigana has transferred his success to the coaching arena, where his team are in pursuit of a unique treble. There has even been talk that he may take over as couch of Barcelona next season, or perhaps take charge of the national side

when Aimé Jacquet steps down, Watching Tigana putting his multi-talented squad through their paces earlier, the impression was that he is respected first and level second. With the options open to him. Tigana has to put the occasional nose out of joint, the latest being Victor Ikpeba, who discovered that being African Footballer of the Yearwas no assurance against a spell on the bench. Ikpeba co's forthcoming opponents. in extra-time, enabled the West learned his lesson and scored

"He's a very quiet, private become the vogue to cite a foot- man," Monaco's Scottish midbuller's willingness to stay fielder, John Collins, said. "He knows what he wants, and if he doesn't get it, you're not in the

When it comes to Manchester United and Ferguson, Tigana offers little more than the respect he automatically considers due to fellow combatants also pursuing success on a number of different fronts.

"We respect Manchester United, but with no inferiority complex," Tigana says. "I was delighted with the draw because hoth games should be superb football occasions. I've never met Ferguson, but his ability not just to achieve success but to then be able to repeat it is a quality that I admire in anybody. "I've had them watched, nat-

urally, but there are so many good players there that I couldn't really pick anybody out." None the less, there is a Unit-

as I believe a couch cannot let ed old boy on whom Tigana is himself go, and must exhibit the better qualified than most to same professionalism that he hold forth, for he and Eric Cantoná go way back, to their formative years in Marseilles.

"Yes, I've known Eric since he was a little boy. As well as heing from the same district he was at school with my little er, his skills and fiercely com- bruther, and we were both dispetitive spirit earned him 52 caps covered playing for the local club, Caillols. In later years we played together at Bordeaux and Marseilles."

Had Cantona delayed his retirement by another season. the two Caillels boys might have met up again in the more rarefied atmosphere of the Champions' Cup, hut Tigana feels it was disappointment of unfulfilled international ambitiun that was the main reason for Cantuna's retirement.

"I think he would have stayed on if he was involved in the World Cup, but when that door was closed he decided enough was enough. I spoke to him after he retired and said it was a shame he stopped, but he's made a life choice and you have to respect that. We've always had a good relationship, and I would never presume to try to talk him our of his decision."



Monaco, and if my own eyes can't tell me what I need to

know, what am I here for?" meeting with Tigana readily invokes memories of the French exploits of the 1980s, an era when it seemed the hopes of Les Bleus invariably foundered on the rock of efficient Teutonic values

In any case, I'm the coach of that analysis overstates the case. Platini, Giresse and Fernandez Any time off from football, I go to attack. But at the time there

In a World Cup year, any embodied by West Germany.

That was most famously epitomised in the epic 1982 World Cup semi-final in Seville. Neither has Tigana been remembered as the game in tempted to get bis old friend to which the French, refusal to reveal any deficiencies in Mona-shut up shop, despite leading 3-1 "We are in touch regularly, but Germans to claw their way

"It's true that we continued for a chat, but I have too much was no option, as we had lost Genghini and Battiston during

the game, and unfortunately we only had defenders on the bench. so our rhythm was hampered. It was our subsequent disorganisation after the enforced substitutions that caused our defeat rather than excessive attacking."

Tigana's responses to questions about the events of the last decade are polite but unimpassioned, suggesting any ghosts from that period were exorcised long ago.

"It's true, I don't live with the past. I've turned the page, and both goals in Saturday's 2-0 it would never occur to me to back, and eventually triumph on what interests me is the future. French Cup win over Marseilles. embarrass him by asking that, penalties. Tigana believes Once in a while, I meet up with er. Now I never take holidays.

going on at the moment to get too nostalgic about those days.

"At the moment we have the Champions' Cup to worry about and that really eats you up, emotionally and physically. and we're also aiming for the French league and cup double, which is quite exceptional." Away from football, Tigana's

eight years at Bordeaux started him down the unlikely road of a second inevitably successful. career in the wine trade. "For a couple of years when

I retired as a player, that was all I did. But I missed football, and the pressure, and winning, so I returned to become a manag-

back and work on the land," Tomorrow's game will be

one of the rare occasions when United confront a side with a manager as driven as their own. they should be tempted to underestimate Monaco, they need only recall the fate suffered here last season by Newcastle United, who were dispatched from the Uefa Cup with the same ruthlessness the croupiers

Were Monaco to repeat that

Harrison joins the Villa revolution

A familiar face will be on the Aston Villa bench in Madrid tonight. Phil Shaw reports.

JOHN GREGORY has been them: 'It doesn't get any better manager of Aston Villa for than this." barely a week and already he is talking about leaving. Contemplating tonight's Uefa Cup quarter final, first-leg match against Atletico Madrid, Brian Little's successor quipped: "If we win this one, I'll resign. Quit while I'm ahead."

Far from thinking negatively, Gregory enhanced the upbeat mood of the Villa party yesterday by confirming the appointment of Steve Harrison as first-team coach, Harrison, a self-confessed prankster and impressionist, thus returns to the club he served in the same role for seven mooths during Graham Taylor's reign.

Since leaving to take charge of Watford in January, 1988, Harrison has, in his own words, "done more miles than Michael Palin". After an unsatisfying sojourn at Vicarage Road, he went on to coach at Millwall and, fatefully, alongside Taylor with England.

Revelations about his lavatorial party piece cost Harrison both jobs in 1991, yet he reand was later reunited with Taylor at Wolves. More recently, be ter last week's reserve fixture between Villa and the Laucashire opportunity to come full circle.

Having expected to be involved in a Second Division match against Luton tonight, Harrison found himself preparing Villa to face the side who trail only Real Madrid and Barcelona in the Spanish League.

For all the seriousness of the task, he guaranteed that he would approach it in good heart. "Tve always thought players worked better with a smile on their face. If you know how to make them laugh, you've go! a chance of ge!ting the best out of them."

Harrison has, however, assured Gregory that he has put his old trick behind him, as it were. "It was a long time ago and

I've served my time," he said, Gregory admitted that the rapport Harrison enjoyed at Palace with Gareth Southgate and Stan Collymore was an And in the unlikely event that added attraction. The Villa manager clearly recognises Southgate's infinence in the dressing room as well as sensing a chance to coax the best from the £7m enigma he inherited.

On Saturday, Collymore gave his most committed display in Monte Carlo's casino reserve of the season, scoring twice in for gambiers who push their hick the defeat of Liverpool and enend of a bectic week. Gregory feat this time round, the omens said: "When I got home I sat would appear to be good for down with my wife and children Chateau Tigana 1988 to become and we had a Chinese take-away on the kitchen table. I told

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He will be delighted to be proved wrong in the Vicente Calderon Stadium. The events of the past seven days mean that the time he would normally have spent assessing Leicester's first-round conquerors has, of necessity, been condensed.

"I'm aware of Atletico's strengths and weaknesses," Gregory said. "Peter Withe [chief scoul] has watched them twice and I've had half an hour with him. We've also got videos and dossiers, but I don't want to get weighed down with all that stuff. The most important thing is that we are properly organised."

Gregory added that he was rempted to retain the team who beat Liverpool, though the experienced Steve Staunton and Mark Draper are fit to return. Atletico, who came from 2-0 down to bold Espanyol on Saturday despite being reduced to 10 men, are without the suspended Radek Beibl as well as the broken-leg victim Juninbo.

Coached by the former Luton player, Raddy Antic, they emerged with Crystal Palace will look to Christian Vieri. their £12.5m striker from Juventus, to maintain the form has been coaching Preston. Af- that has brought him almost a goal per game.

Given the reputation of club, Gregory offered him the Atletico's president Jesus Gil for firing managers, few would have backed Antic to outlast Little this season. In fact, the Yugoslav is now in his third full campaign. His reputation has spread sufficiently for him to attract a respectable number of votes when Birmingham's evening paper asked readers to choose from 10 candidates for the Villa hot-seat (they did not, incidentally, include Gregory).

Gil and the Villa chairman, Doug Ellis, were reportedly dining together last night, perhaps waxing nostalgic about some of the aggregate of 43 managerial changes over which they have presided. The toast may well have been Ron Atkinson, who both men famously sacked. Gregory, meanwhile, was looking to the Atkinson era for inspiration, citing Villa's victory over Internazionale as an example to

which his team should aspire. Villa would arguably settle for the 2-1 defeat which Leicester suffered here, especially with the potentially precious away goal. Gregory conceded that it would take a brave performance to achieve an even better result, but believed that his new charges had "courage in ahundance". Tonight they will need to show him that they also have class.

Ferguson set to call on United's artisan aspect

reports from Monte Carlo

THOSE Manchester United ing the peaks recently but they players who had a fine view of the have been gradually rediscov-Alps as the team flew south to Nice vesterday may have considered a few footballing cliches an aspect which may need to be

about mountains and peaks. The English champions' now game's highest honour begins ancwhere tomorrow when they meet Monaco in the European Cup quarter-final first-leg. United are confident, but wary. As Gianluca Vialli, a European from Monaco." champion with Juventus, noted

had performance and the Cup ford Bridge before departing defender Franck Dumas and is smaller than the burger vans

United have not been scalcring the form of autumn. Sat-risks." With Monaco possessing urday showed their artisan side, to the fore again tomorrow.

"I hope Saturday was a perennial quest for the club barometer to Wednesday night," said the manager, Alex Ferguson, yesterday. "We had to defend against clever players like

United's only concern - with after their weekend victory over the Injured Ryan Giggs defi- Trezeguet, the 20-year-old strikhis Chelsea team: "You can play nitely out - is Gary Pallister, ing prospect who made his

with a hack injury. "He had treatment on Sunday and again this morning," said Ferguson, "but we will not be taking any exceptional pace in attack, notably in Thierry Henry and Vic-

tor Ikpeba, Ferguson is likely to turn instead to Henning Berg. Vialli and [Gianfranco] Zola, It Yet that competition is no more was a guide to what we will face of a priority to Jean Tigana, the Monaco coach, than the English one was to Ferguson. David

Scotland's John Collins were on Sir Matt Busby Way. If it rested and the Algerian midfielder Ali Benarbia and Hen- di family's subsidy the club ry put on the bench. All are would be little bigger Ihan expected to be fit tomorrow.

United's supporters began arriving yesterday, accompanied by one of the Football Association's security officials. Ikpeha scored twice in extra- The club have sold 2,200 ticktime as Monaco, third in the ets and a similar oumber of tick-French league, beat Marscilles .etless fans are expected to 2-0 in the cup at the weekend. travel. Trouble, apart from isolated drink-fuelled idiocy, is not expected, partly through the maker Fred Done is paying out high drink prices, and partly now to punters who backed because there is no one here to

Monaco's average gate is tic. Within hours, £15,000 had the cup's committee. So des-may also be wondering how he well for eight months but one who lasted 27 minutes at Stam- France debut in January, about 5,000 and their club shop been snapped up.

were not for the regal Grimal-Emley. As it is, they are meet-

ing United on equal terms. United are staying across the border near Nice but, when they cross into the principality for training at the Stade Louis Il tonight, they should feel at bome. This is a millionaire's playground after all.

◆ The Manchester-based book-United to win the Premiership, .. irrespective of who wins the ti-

THE SPECTRE of the Nation- Italian and Spanish participa- erence for him to work under wide League may be hanging over Crystal Palace's attempt to secure the services of Terry gel the nod. Venables hut, even if the Premiership's bottom club are relegated, they may still be able to

dangle the lure of European

football.

Crystal Palace have become the first English team to express a desire to compele in the much-maligned Intertoto Cup for three years and Uefa yesterday confirmed that, although non-Premiership clubs would not "normally" be allowed to options. His delay in making a enter. Palace's case would be decision may be a ploy to flush given special consideration by out other possibilities, but he

Palace would almost certainly

European lure for Venables

Venables, who yesterday asked for a week to think over prospective chairman Mark Goldberg's offer of a lucrative five-year contract, could thus spend the weekend of 18/19 July, while most teams are on the beach, overseeing Palace's akin to "a normal team", European debut

Venables spent two bours with Goldberg yesterday and was offered bonuses and share perate is Uefa to have English, will settle into Goldberg's pref-

tion in the competition that a director of football appointed by Juventus, who will have an advisory role at the club. Where this leaves Sleve Coppell, the current manager, is anybody's guess.

So, too, is Palace's Intertoto team. Uefa has stipulated that, while allowing for World Cup commitments, it must be In 1995, when Wimbledon,

Tottenbam and Sheffield Wednesday were coerced into competing, they fielded teams largely made up of reserves and borrowed players, and played "home" games at oth-

Glenn Moore

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RUGBY

The Leagues have brought out all the rugby talent in England ONE OF the characteristics of achievement. The chief credit, expressed English nationalism a puff of smoke. England success and Leicester, now joined by provided Clive Woodward, the Wales, Scotland and Ireland, he did produce winning rugby. especially Wales, but has His successor, Jack Rowell, devoted hardly any attention to wanted his side to be attractive

arresting phenomenon. recent years at any rate,

have displayed it, I suppose, as should go to Gooff Cooke. He the surface. much as anyone - is that it is has . did not produce attractive mgby concentrated on the decline of and not particularly want to but

the rise of England. And yet it to watch - at least, this is what no disposition to gloat, after the is the latter which is the more . he said - but he did not usually succeed. Yet he too kept on win-France were always there or ning. The English record in thereabouts, contesting the the 1990s has been remarkable: champions of the Northern Grand Slams in 1991, 1992 and Hemisphere with Wales and, in 1995 and the Chempionship

position. It is England who been a pretty sight. I always of Bill Besimpout's Grand Slam.

It is, when you come to England the reign of 1990-91 season she was gone, think about it, an extraoritinary Margaret Thatcher. A crudely plut, in a shower of sparks and

usually chauvinist and largely. ignorant crowd who go to the new Twickenham, they were remarkably restrained, showing demolition of Wales 10 days ago. Perhaps they were as shocked, though in a different way, as my fellow countrymen were. But Mrs Thatcher, as she

then was, ruled in the 1980s. In (including the Triple Crown) in that decade England won the generally winning. They have 1996. Championship only once, at the maintained and even enhanced their position. It is England who have destroyed the old balance. associate in my mind the rise of Shortly after the beginning of the

regime; which only goes to show However, to be fair to the the tricks that memory can play.

. The simple explanation is that the Leagues have brought out all the rugby talent in Eng- old divisional championship rely increasingly on non-English up to a point, television covered players. In this process several serves of rugby talent in Corn- The participants were not wall and in the extreme north, greatly enthused either. It was

bery of the national selectors.

recent rugby commentary - I at international level anyway, came bubbling menacingly to was achieved under a greyer Newcastle and Saracens. In England coach, with a luxury of of writing still the Welsh coach Wales, only Cardiff can rival choice, despite the presence of -as I hope he remains - must

> fessionalism, the leading chibs great bore which the papers, and because they thought it was exsuch as that there were vast re- one was particularly interested.

numerous foreigners. No one Why Fran Cotton wants to could object if he gave a first cap revive and even strengthen the to the young Richmond wing Dominic Chapman, in place of land, even though, with pro- continues to elude me. It was a Austin Healey, even though Healey scored a try against

Even a rugby-following myths have been laid to rest: pected of them, not because any Solomon would find it difficult to choose between Kyran Bracken and Matt Dawson at scrum half. There are two Lions untapped because of the blind- notorious that players from standard No 8s, Tony Diprose ness and the metropolitan scob- Bath, Bristol and Gioucester and Tim Rodber, who cannot disliked turning out for the get into the side. Only the front

wish he had such a large tank into which to dip his net. The sad truth is that, except for a few small adjustments (for example, Colin Charvis moving to No 7 instead of playing at No 6), the side he took to Twickenham won the approval of most Welsh fans.

Neil Jenkins has now said, as he is fully entitled to, that he does not wish to continue at fullback. I hope Jenkins is restored to outside-half with the function of releasing Allan Baleman and Scott Gibbs - and continuing to kick those goals which. even in these high-scoring days. can still turn a match.

Woodward embroiled in club v country spat

Rugby Union

By Chris Hewett

already established himself as a bold and adventurous selector in capping seven new players in the space of six England international matches. You ain't seen nothing yet, though. Thanks to the latest political spat between club and country - a deadly serious confrontation that has all the makings of a fight to the finish - the coach may have to send an entire learn of anonymous journeymen. and pre-pubescent unknowns going," he reiterated. "I'm just into the firing line against Australia in Brisbane this summer.

Premiership outfits, Northampton and Saracens, mounted their. informed Woodward, Fran Cotton and the rest of the Rugby all hell breaks loose, I believe in Football Union top brass that dialogue, but the fast time I they considered the forthcoming aired my views about the future tour of Australia, New Zealand

Actually, they were not even . polite. The guy who pays the piper calls the tune," snapped Keith Barwell, the Northampton owner. We owners put £35m into the game last season and while Fran thinks he can tell us what to do, he'll shortly find out that he can't. The public are sick and tired of all this niggle behind the scenes. Like in any game of rugby, we need a bloody good punch-up to sort it out."

Barwell's stance attracted unconditional support from the

Saracens owner, Nigel Wray, and their words were all the more resonant for the fact that both men had long been consid-CLIVE WOODWARD has exed "doves" in the prolonged argy-bargy between the clabs

Woodward tried his level best to retain his cool - indeed, he dummied and sidestepped his Hill, Diprose and Bracken. way across the diplomatic quicksand in the finest traditions of a Lions centre - but he was clearly flabbergasted by the Barwell initiative. "England are definitely travelling south this summer and 36 players will be glad the clubs didn't make these comments last year because if Two of England's top five they had, there wouldn't have been a Lions tour.

"We have to sit down and talk high horses yesterday and politely this through, obviously, but every time someone voices an opinion. of the game in public, I found a and South Africa to be a trip too solicitor's letter on my doormat.

far for their knackered players

By the same yardstick, Fran

and, therefore, would not be invited all 24 Premiership clubs

releasing them.

Actually they were not seen. or so ago and discuss his ideas on the future, but they declined. What's happening here?"

Both Northampton and Saracens claim to have signed their players on contracts containing an international release clause and that those contracts have primacy over any deal struck between the Test contingent and the RFU. According to Mike Smith, the Saracens chief executive, the RFU contracts are legally unsound anyway. "The players were forced to sign them

telling them that if they didn't put pen to paper, they wouldn't be . chosen for England," he alleged. If the two Tetley's Bitter Cup

semi-finalists stick to their gons, Woodward will cross the equator without the likes of Rodber, Dawson, Grayson, Grewcock, Given that other key England personnel are feeling the effects of almost two years of constant top-level rugby - Martin Johnson, the Leicester lock, and Jason Leonard, the Harlequins prop, are prime examples more clubs could follow suit, provided they are as contractually watertight as the two instigators. However, the Premiership

clan is in serious danger of causing a damaging split in its own ranks. Despite protestations to the contrary, not all clubs sup-Heineken Cup. Similarly, there if selected," he admitted. is no across-the-board consensus that they would not dream of pre-

international rogby. That position was reinforced by Lawrence Dallaglio, the Wasps and England captain. Dallaglio would probably appreciate a rest this summer - indeed, the last thing he needs with a World Con on the horizon is to be kicked around New Zealand - but he saidyesterday: "It's for the player himself to decide whether or not be plays for his country if invited to do so. Certainly, I don't want

because they received a letter anyone making that decision on my behalf, because it's a fantastic honour achieved through an individual's own endeavour and

bard work. "Like the other members of the squad, I entered into an agreement with the RFU on the mderstanding that the clubs were happy with it and that agreement says in black and white that we're available to tour. Therefore, I'm contractually bound to do so. If Clive thinks England would be better served by my staying at home this summer; it's something for us to discuss. But it would be pretty sad for any player to be told he

Intriguingly, Dallaglio's views were mirrored by Tim Rodber, the Northampton captain, "I'm not sure if Keith has said these things as a means of forting the ported the tactically naive deci- issue, but I must say that I would sion to boycott next season's like to go on tour this summer

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Tiger Woods shows his despair after missing a 15-foot putt on the 18th hole at the Valencia Country Club, California. The error, on the first play-off hole, handed victory in the Nissan Open to Billy Mayfair, who won his first Tour event since 1995 on Sunday. Woods, last season's PGA golfer of the year, has yet to win a tournament in 1998 Photograph: Reuters

Silk Cut caught in red tape

Sailing

By Stuart Alexander

THERE are worried frowns on the faces of Lawrie Smith's shore crew as they wait in Brazil for the arrival of Silk Cut and the new mast to replace the one which broke in two in the southern ocean on the fifth leg of the Whitbread Round the World Race.

Silk Cut, already retired from the 6,670 mile leg, was due to limp into port last night. However, major efforts are having to be made to ensure that Brazilian customs work quickly enough to release the mast, which should be shipped by barge from Santos, arriving in São Sebastião on Friday or Saturday. The British crew were not encouraged when Swedish Match had to buy a set of clothes because customs had refused to release their container in time.

The international jury, under the chairmanship of the Brazilpreparing to rule on the use, proper and improper, of engines.

A complaint has been lodged against Dennis Conner's Toshiba, sixth on the leg and lifth overall, because skipper Paul Standbridge admitted that he had used his engine to turn the propeller in reverse to clear some seaweed. His defence will be that the engine was never used for forward propulsion and so did not aid the progress of the yacht.

The race committee will not penalise EF Education - still with 1,895 miles to go - who motored into Ushuaia at the tip of Argentina to fit a new mast

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Athletics

Paula Radcliffe, silver medalist in the resula resource, since mediate it are 1997 World Cross-Country Champion-ships in Turin, will compete twice at this year's event in Marrakesh on 27 and 22 March. Short course races have been introduced in the championships and the Bedford athlete asked Britain's selectors for a place in both the 8km

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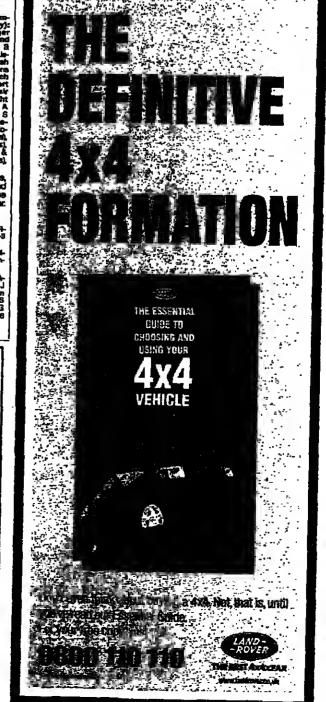
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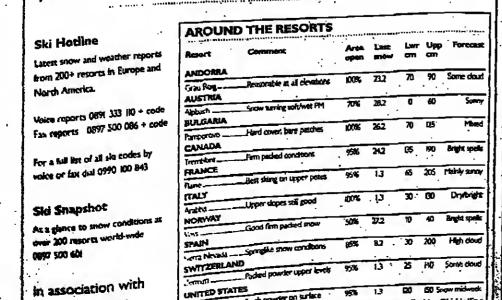


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England's failings exposed again

Derek Pringle reports from Georgetown

West Indies 352 & 197 England 170 & 90-6

MICHAEL ATHERTON will be feeling the pressure after another failure with the bat has virtually consigned his team to defeat in this Fourth Test. As England captain. Atherton has seen the best and worse of his team over the last four days. But if their performance has alternated between the abject and the stoic, the England captain's has remained in the doldrums. and he has now gone 15 Test innings without a half-century.

The West Indies is not a place for a captain to be out of form with the bat, especially when rumours of a certain fast bowling duo's decline seems to be about as reliable as the local witchdoctor's rain dance, which, after five months of drought, has not been something to put your

There is no doubt in the past that the West Indies fast bowlers have deliberately targeted the opposition's captain. This time, however, with Atherton out of sorts, and the pitches on the fruity side of respectable, they have not had to resort to the intimidation of old.

Instead they have exploited Atherton's tendency to fall across his stumps - something he felt he had cured after his winter tuition with Graham Gooch - and his dismissal, in the second over after lunch was a

case in point. Mind you, the ball from Curtly Ambrose, which cut back sharply and kept fractionally low, would have tested anyone, irrespective of form, and Atherthere are few hiding places when second duck of the series.

Fourth day: West Indies won loss

WEST INDIES - Second Innings

(Overnight: 127 for 9) I R Bishop not out ...

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ENGLAND - Second Inning

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Fall: 1-6, 2-22, 3-22, 4-28, 5-58, 6-90,

To bat: R ILB Croft, D W Headley, A R C Fraser, P C R Tutnell

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Total (for 6. 43 overs)

BOURDA SCOREBOARD

ENGLANO - First innings 170 (M R Ramprakash 64 no).

WEST INDIES - First Innings 352 (5 Chanderpaul 118, B C Lara 93).

Bowling: Fraser 11-2-24-1; Headley 13-5-37-3; Croft 22-9-50-3; Tufnell 24-5-72-1; Ramprakash 2-1-2-1.

Umpires: S A Bucknor and O B Hair TV replay umpire: P Montfort, Match ref-cree: B N Jarman.

Ambrose and Courtney Walsh have a new ball in their hands. In fact, the lbw was a replica

of the one that got him at Trinidad four years ago when England collapsed in a heap to 46 all out. If there is a side that could prove that sporting history is cyclical and not linear, it is England. Needing to score 380 runs, the

third highest score in history to win a Test match batting last, or to bat out 153 overs, 48 more than their longest innings of the series, the task facing England was about as difficult as an asthmatic trying to climbing Mt Everest without oxygen. Indeed. on this all but decomposed pitch. some would say it was probably futile and when Alec Stewart, Nasser Hussain, and Graham Thorpe went in the space of 21 halls to leave England reeling on 28 for 4, memories of that fateful day in Port-of-Spain would momentarily, at least, have come flooding back.

Stewart, continuing his marvellous form with a pair of boundaries off Amhrose, was yet another victim of the lbw mania sweeping this match. Missing a leg-side clip off Walsh, to which only the bowler appealed with any venom, Stewart was sent on his way by Steve Bucknor, a decision that was neither plumb nor farcical, but in that grey area in which the hatsman tends to benefit.

Two balls later, there was no doubt at all as Hussain, caught between whether to duck or hook, fended the perfect throat ball from Walsh to short leg. Since his fine innings in the first of the two Trinidad Tests, Hussain has not featured and his reputation as an all or nothing man has begun to tilt more ton is perhaps unfortunate in that towards the latter with this, his

After Thorpe went, failing to control a flick off his hips and giving a catch to Dinanath Ramnarine at leg-gully, a period of calm ensued, helped in part by some careless catching and fielding from the home side. They twice dropped Mark Butcher while in single figures.

Mark Ramprakash, apart from a rush of blood involving a risky second run, looked as sound as he had done in the first innings, but Butcher's luck ran out in the first over after tea. After a testing few balls from Carl Hooper, bowling into a massive area of rough, the left-hander was fooled by an arm ball. More importantly, and presumably by some kind of optical illusion, it also appeared to persuade umpire Bucknor that it would have hit leg stump. When Ramprakash went, caught behind off Waish, England were 90 for 6 and staring defeat inside four days.

Earlier, when play started, the portents had not been quite so gloomy. But if England bowlers were buoyant after their comeback on the third day, they approached the fourth as if they were staring at victory, not defeat Like Lara the previous day, Atherton was obtuse in his choice of bowlers, opening with Croft and Tufnell, a tactic he stuck to for nine overs before calling on an obviously spent Fraser.

As Tufnell himself could have told his captain, there is nothing a No 11 likes better when required to bat than to face some gentle spin. Instead of putting Headley on and getting him to stick one up Ramnarine's nose, as Ambrose had done to Tufnell, he allowed the tailender to play himself in and help Bishop, who ended unbeaten on 44, to extend the West Indies lead to 379.

The net result, aided by some appalling catching - four chances of varying difficulty were put down - was a last-wicket partnership of 70 runs, a record for the West Indies against England. The previous best was an unbroken stand of 67, between Michael Holding and Colin Croft, both present here as commentators

Theoretically, the ease with which Bishop and Ramnarine conducted their business ought to have been a source of comfort to England's batsmen. The trouble is when Ambrose and Walsh are making in-roads on a disintegrating pitch, theories tend to become rapidly evaluated - the thoughts of Mick Jagger, here no doubt to check the primary interface of his cricket website, every bit as pertinent on the subject as the views of Geoffrey Boycott.

Mike Atherton walks off with just one run to his name after being tapped lbw by Curtly Ambrose Photograph: Allsport

Azhar the right moves

PAKISTAN completed a 29-run victory over South Africa in Durban yesterday on the fifth day of the second Test to take a 1-0 lead in the series, with the third Test starting in Port Elizaboth on Friday.

Resuming at 186 for 8 and needing 255 to win, Mark Boucher and Fanie de Villiers took their ninth-wicket stand to 86 before Boucher was bowled by Waqar Younis. The pair added 33 runs in seven overs, with Boucher scoring 52 in 128 minutes off 100 balls with seven

Although the second new ball was due at the start of play, Pakistan elected to continue with the leg-spinner Mushtaq Ahmed, who had wrecked the South African top order on Sunday. Two balls after Boucher reached his fifty, he was bowled when he missed a drive against a full-pitched delivery. Allan Donald was sent in hut was trapped lbw in Wagar's next over.

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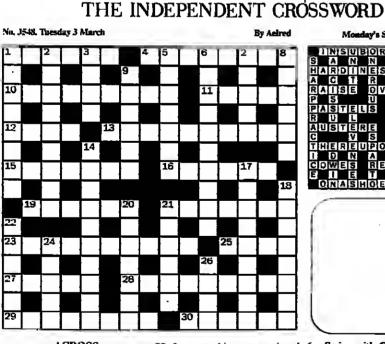
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South Africa were all out for 225, with De Villiers having made 46 not out in 103 minutes off 67 balls with six fours.

Pakistan fully deserved their triumph, having bowled and fielded superbly while the South Africa selectors were left to ruc their decision to go into the match without a spin bowler and to send Pakistao in to hat after winning the toss.

The pitch did not help the fast bowlers as much as the South Africans had hoped. The coach, Bob Woolmer, defended the decision to leave out the spinner Pat Symcox, who made a century batting at no 10 in the first Test in Johannesburg. "The bottom line is that our batsmen did not make enough runs." said Woolmer.

Azhar Mahmood rescued Pakistan from their precarious early position with a scintillating innings of 132, more than half his side's first-innings total of 259. The opener, Saced Anwar, made 118 in the second innings as the team reached 226 and Shoaib Akhtar produced a devastating spell of bowling in the first innings, taking 5 for 43, while Mushtag Ahmed set up Pakistan's win in the final innings, taking six of the first eight wickets for 39 runs. Mushtag finished with figures of 6 for 78. Scoreboard, Digest, page 27



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Atherton pays for lacking a plan

By Henry Blofeld

THERE is nothing more irritating and frustrating in cricket than having to field through a long last-wicket partnership. England came out on the fourth morning thinking the job was done and all they had to do was to go through the motions until the last West Indian wicket fell.

After their stirring performance in the field on Sunday, it was perhaps difficult to hlame them for this. But Michael Atherton should have asked himself before the start what the two Trinidadians would least like to face. They most certainly would not have said two spinners for Trinidadians are reared on a staple diet of spin. Dinanath Ramnarine, in his first Test,

would not have fancied Dean Headley's yorkers and bouncers.

In Ian Bishop, the West Indies have a No 8 who has two first-class hundreds to his name and is the best of the lower order hatsmen on either side. His debutant partner, Ramnarine, showed that he is no mug either, especially against spin.

When the wicket did not fall in the first few overs, England managed to panic and to let their heads sink on to their chests at the same time. Atherton ran out of ideas, runs came at an alarming rate and the fielding was dreadful, with four chances being missed.

England lived from one ball to the next without any semblance of a plan. When Atherton decided that spin was not the

answer - Bishop had forcibly reminded him of this by sweeping Robert Croft for two fours and on-driving Phil Tufnell out of the ground for six - he turned to Angus Fraser and not Headley. His instinct was to rely on the golden arm of Fraser and not on the superior pace of Headley. When he eventually brought Headley oo instead of Fraser, it was only for two overs, although he still managed to make life

uncomfortable for Ramparine. For no good reason, he went back to spin and the two West Indians pushed the ball around as they wished. It was not until Headley was recalled that Ramnarine succumbed. By then the last pair had put on a record 70 and the West Indies had regained all the psychological advantage.

Fifa asks France for tickets

manager. His current deal expires after the World Cup. The SFA will now hold talks with Brown to finalise the details of a contract he is expected to sign before World Cup preparations begin later this month with a friendly against

Brian Little, who resigned as manager of Aston Villa last week, will be offered a quick return to management by the millionaire trying to buy Burnley. He is the target for New

York-based financier Ray Ingleby, who has hid £5m for a controlling interest in the club. The board has turned down his offer, but ingleby has now asked individual shareholders to deal with him directly.

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France to be returned to Fifa,"

he said. "That will allow the fed-

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finals to get more tickets."

A CFO spokesman said yes- fer Craig Brown a new four-year terday a meeting between the contract as the national team French organisers and EU officials was scheduled for Thurs-SEPP BLATTER, the general day in Brussels, but would not secretary of the game's world governing body, Fifa, anelaborate on the agenda. nounced yesterday that he was Last week, English and Scothoping extra tickets - although

tish officials complained about he did not say how many - would the ticket situation, and they be available to fans outside were joined by the Netherlands France for the World Cup finals. and Germany, but hopes then "We have asked France for of a change in policy appeared the remaining tickets that were reserved for the retail market in Blatter played down reports

that the EU competition commissioner, Karel van Miert, was erations of the countries in the threatening fines because of the unfair allocation of tickets. The European Union had This remark is not to be taken warned the French organising seriously. The distribution of the committee (CFO) that it was tickets has been blessed by the EU. Of course, it is wonderful that football is so popular." ets, but the CFO said it was fol-

The Scottish Football Association yesterday agreed to of-